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Simon and Garfunkel set to play Vancouver

OLD FRIENDS Iconic folk duo Simon and Garfunkel will be making a Vancouver stop on their Old Friends reunion tour — the first time the singers have played here since 1983 — LiveNation announced yesterday.

Art Garfunkel and Paul Simon, who formed the group Tom and Jerry in 1957, will be playing at GM Place on April 29.

The tour kicks off in New Orleans and also hits seven other Canadian cities.

Tickets to the Vancouver show go on sale Friday at 10 a.m.

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Jean Labonte, at Robson Square last night, shortly after being named Canada's flagbearer for the opening ceremonies of the Paralympic Winter Games.

Sledge chief to bear flag for Canada

'Honour' stuns gold medallist

PARALYMPIC 2010 Games

Defenceman Jean Labonte, the captain of the defending gold-medal sledge hockey team, will be Canada's flag-bearer during Friday's opening ceremonies of the Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver.

The 40-year-old, who lost his leg to cancer, looked stunned when the announcement was made at Robson Square last evening to cheers and applause from other Canadian team members.

"I did not expect this," said Labonte. "It is an unbelievable honour to be able to carry the flag in any Paralympic Games, but especially in Canada."

As a kid growing up Labonte always loved hockey, but he never played it. When he was 17, doctors found osteosarcoma cancer in his leg and later amputated it above the knee.

That led Labonte to national team veteran Herve Lord, who introduced him to sledge hockey.

"I played street hockey but never organized hockey," said the soft-spoken Labonte. "It was something I always wanted to do.

"After losing my leg and finding this great sport, it's 'wow.' I play hockey now. I represent my country. It's a great privilege to be able to wear the Canadian jersey and to be playing for my country. Not a lot of people can do that."

Labonte, who works as a software designer, has competed in three previous Paralympics. He won gold in 2006 in Turin, Italy, and silver at the 1998 Games in Nagano, Japan.

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B.C. presence

- 23 of Canada's 55 Paralympic athletes hail from B.C.

Details on Evergreen Line coming soon, says premier

TRANSIT Promising more details in just a few weeks, Premier Gordon Campbell said yesterday that the Evergreen Line will likely be built as part of a public-private partnership.

In the next several weeks, said Campbell following a speech in Vancouver, the government will release details of a major transit review. Part of that review will outline a strategy for the long-promised 11-kilometre rapid transit line from Burnaby to Coquitlam, through Port Moody.

"The province has said that we're going to move ahead with this," Campbell said.

"This will likely be a form of public-private partnership that will bring additional resources to the table."

In a budget speech last week, Finance Minister Colin Hansen said construction on the estimated $1.4-billion line would begin in 2011, not late 2010 as previously planned. The line will use SkyTrain technology.

The province has committed $410 million to the project, while the federal government has provided almost $70 million and has pledged an additional $350 million after the final details are approved.

TransLink has acknowledged that its share of the project is $400 million (in addition to the ongoing operational funding) but hasn't yet said where those funds will come from.

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Correction

A story published yesterday incorrectly identified the location of a digital 3-D theatre. The theatre is located at Simon Fraser University. Metro regrets the error.

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Japadog thinks big

Hotdog business looking to expand beyond city

STIG NIELSEN
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Bolstered by block-long lineups during the Winter Olympics, Vancouver's Japadog is eyeing expansion to New York and Los Angeles, its president said yesterday.

Noriki Tamura, who heads the company that owns the popular Japanese-style hotdog stand, said twice as many Japadogs than usual were sold during the Games.

"We had loads of customers, probably a hundred people in line," he said.

Tamura said the acceptance by visitors signalled the franchise, which currently has two stands in Vancouver, is ready to go international. He picked New York and Los Angeles as prime markets for hotdogs with seaweed and terimayo sauce.

Within five years, Tamura said, he would like to have 100 stands across North America and Japan.

"I would like to try because I like a challenge," he said. "There are lots of hotdog stands in Vancouver, but everything is similar. We (offer) different tastes."

During the Games, Canada's first gold medallist on home soil, moguls skier Alex Bilodeau, and U.S. figure skater Evan Lysacek were added to the list of celebrities to have eaten at Japadog, which posts photos of celebrity customers. They include Ice Cube, Steven Seagal and chef Anthony Bourdain.

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Noriki Tamura at the Burrard Street Japadog stand yesterday with two bestselling originals, the Terimayo and the Oroshi.

Province to see benefits of HST in time: Report

ECONOMY With less than four months to go until the HST kicks in, the government is backing a new report that finds the controversial tax will increase capital investment and create jobs — by the end of the decade.

According to economist and study author Jack Mintz, the HST along with corporate tax cuts will hike capital investment in the province by $14.4 billion and result in a net increase of 141,000 jobs by 2020.

While some industries may not benefit directly, the increase in international investment resulting from the reform will help all sectors of the economy, Mintz said in Vancouver yesterday.

"Of course there is going to be some additional tax on services," said Mintz. "But in the end ... the business tax reductions will more than compensate for (that)."

Finance Minister Colin Hansen said the report confirms that the HST, along with corporate tax rate reductions, will dramatically improve the competitiveness of B.C. business.

But NDP finance critic Bruce Ralston said that promising a more internationally competitive province 10 years from now is cold comfort to those who are bracing for higher prices in 2010.

"Most people are concerned about the impact on consumer prices and (Mintz) just dismisses that," he said. "He's worried about (big) business and he should be worried about consumers."

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Mint pavilion moves to library
The Royal Canadian Mint pavilion is moving to the Vancouver Public Library's main branch at Homer and Georgia streets. The pavilion, which welcomed more than 110,000 guests during the Olympics, will be open during the Paralympics between March 12 and 21. METRO VANCOUVER

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Former mayor Sam Sullivan, Canada's ambassador to the 2010 Paralympic Games, at the Pan Pacific yesterday. Sullivan hopes everyone treats the Paralymics and Olympics equally, even the protesters.

Sullivan seeks tales of gusto at Paralympics

PARALYMPIC 2010 Games

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Part of what makes the Paralympics so enthralling, says former Vancouver mayor Sam Sullivan, are the stories of the athletes and their inspirational tales of overcoming hardship.

Sullivan said the most memorable moments of the Winter Olympics were the stories of athletes like Joannie Rochette and Alexandre Bilodeau.

The latter drew inspiration from his brother Frederic, who has cerebral palsy, while Rochette won bronze in women's figure skating only days after the unexpected death of her mother.

"The Paralympic Games has backstory galore," said Sullivan, Canada's ambassador to the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

"Every individual is not only a great athlete, but has a story of triumph over adversity in so many different ways."

The Paralympics, which begin Friday in Vancouver, feature a record 57 hours of high-definition televised coverage.

In Vancouver, sledge hockey will be held at the University of B.C. and wheelchair curling at the Vancouver Paralympic Centre. Alpine skiing, biathlon and cross-country skiing will be held in Whistler and the Callahan Valley. Sullivan said it is the first time that an Olympic Organizing Committee has sought the Paralympics, rather than just being handed them.

He said it speaks to the Canadian value of inclusiveness and makes society stronger. In his role as ambassador, Sullivan said he's trying to ensure that everybody values and treats the Paralympics on equal footing as the Olympics — including protesters, he joked. "I'm certainly hoping the protesters will show their respect to the Paralympics and protest them as well."

Reebok reward paying off: Rep

MISSING GEAR Reebok says its tipline and $10,000 reward for Sidney Crosby's Olympic glove and stick that went missing in Vancouver after the gold-medal hockey game are already paying dividends.

Len Rhodes, vice-president and general manager for Reebok Hockey CCM, says the tipline is producing everything from encouraging comments to claims of "potential information."

"We'll be working with the appropriate authorities," he added yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada accessible: UBC prof

PARALYMPIC 2010 Games

ATHLETICS Canada is more inclusive and accessible than it was 30 years ago thanks in large part to the influence of the Paralympic movement and its athletes, says a professor at the University of B.C.

Dr. Bruce McManus, a professor in the department of pathology and laboratory medicine, said people like Rick Hansen and former Vancouver mayor Sam Sullivan have shown us, through perseverance in sport and politics respectively, that nothing is insurmountable.

"We have created an ethos in Canadian society that ... is exceptionally advanced compared to what it was 30 years ago," said McManus. KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Symposium

- Bruce McManus is the host of a free symposium at the Segal Centre tomorrow that focuses on peak performance in athletics. For more information visit heartandlung.ca.

News in brief

ASSAULT A Vancouver woman was sexually assaulted by a man who loitered in the lobby of her apartment building and then followed her in the elevator to her floor. The attacker, described as a 17- to 25-year-old man with a thin build and baggy clothes, ran after she screamed.

DEATH A man, believed to be in his 50s has died in hospital after police found him on the ground in a lane at Richards and Smith streets. Investigators are treating the death as suspicious.

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Kesler poster boy for NHL 2K11

VIDEO GAMES Vancouver Canucks centre Ryan Kesler is the new cover athlete for the NHL 2K11 video game, following in the footsteps of hockey stars Alexander Ovechkin, Rick Nash and Jason Spezza.

The 25-year-old scored for the United States in the men's hockey final at the Vancouver Olympics and returned home with a silver medal.

He calls being chosen for the video game cover the "icing on the cake" after his Olympic experience.

"Everything just keeps getting better for me," he said. "I'm very excited.

"I think my performance in the Olympics is why 2K picked me to be on the cover."

That was confirmed by 2K Sports, which is engaged in an annual battle with EA Sports' NHL title. The EA game is made in Burnaby.

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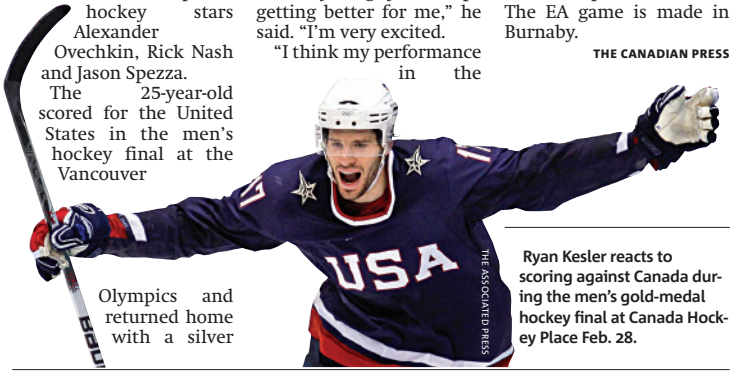

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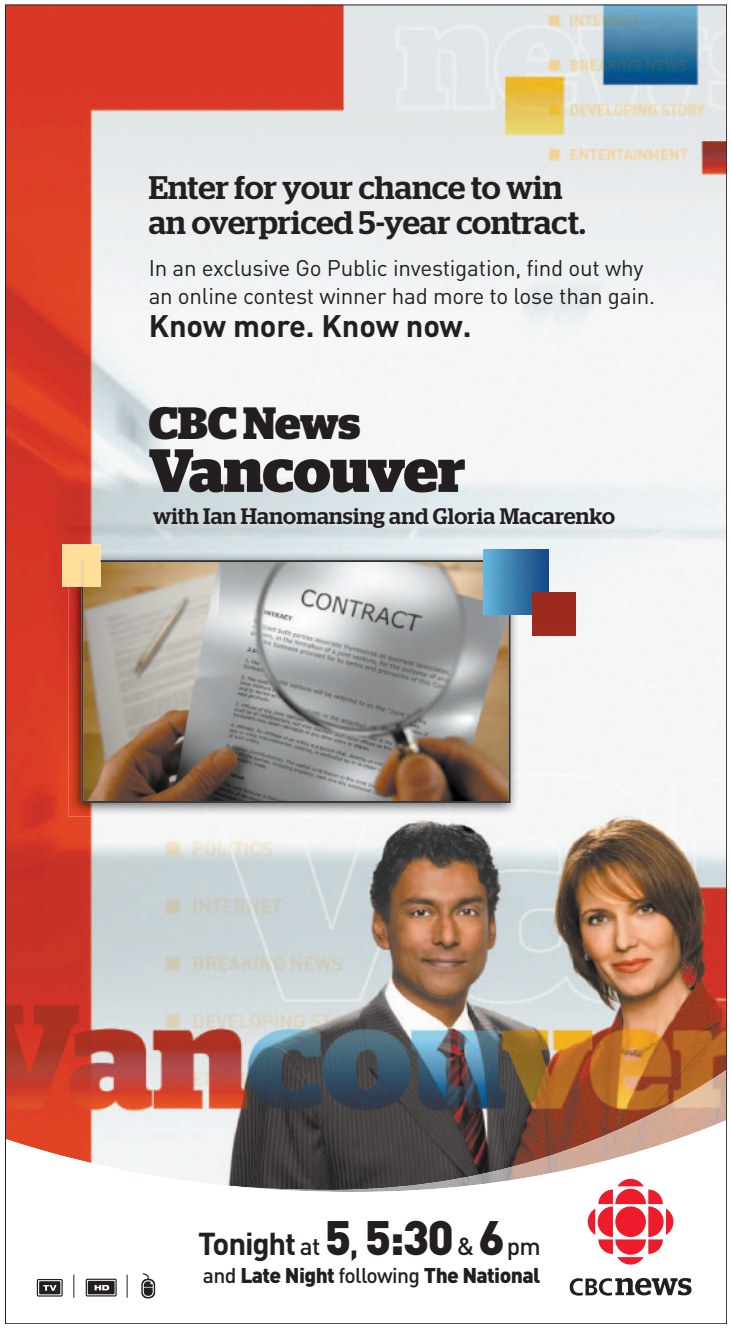
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Atlantic Canada house moving to Whistler

The Atlantic Canada hospitality house, which was located on Granville Island during the winter Olympic Games, is moving to Whistler for the Paralympics. It'll be set up at the bottom of the Whistler and Blackcomb gondolas for three days, March 15 to 17. METRO VANCOUVER

Juror remark postpones perjury trial

A British Columbia Supreme Court judge has dismissed the jury in the perjury trial of Inderjit Singh Reyat after a juror's comment during the selection process.

A new jury will be selected next Monday, and the trial is scheduled to begin the week after that.

Reyat testified for the Crown at the 2003 trial of two men who were eventually acquitted in the Air India bombing, but an indictment lists 27 instances in which prosecutors allege he lied.

The trial was to begin in Vancouver yesterday, but instead the judge called in jurors and explained that one them had made comments during the selection process last week that meant all 12 of them had to be dismissed from the case.

B.C. Supreme Court Judge Mark McEwan didn't elaborate on exactly what the comments were, but he told the jury it would be too difficult to determine the true nature of them and whether other jurors were tainted by them to continue.

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Dismissal rare

- Dismissing an entire jury before a trial gets underway is extremely rare, said Crown prosecutor Len Doust, adding he couldn't recall a similar case in B.C.

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A bicycle similar to the 21 that are missing from the Dutch hospitality house.

RCMP seek Dutch bikes that rolled away from Games site

MISSING Some Olympic fans appear to have walked or ridden away with one heck of a Games souvenir.

Mounties in Richmond are asking for the public's help in locating 21 bright orange bicycles that went missing from Holland Heineken House during the Olympics.

Cpl. Jennifer Pound says 400 bikes owned by the Dutch Railway Company were loaned out during the Games, mostly for the use of staff.

Pound says staff members would take the bikes to get around town and it's possible some were stolen, though police are currently classifying them as missing.

Mounties don't yet know how much each of the bikes, which feature a Dutch Railway symbol, are worth. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

REAL ESTATE Thirty per cent of B.C. residents say they are likely to purchase a home in the next two years, up from 26 per cent last year, according to the 17th Annual RBC Homeownership Survey. The vast majority (89 per cent) say they also believe buying a house or condominium is a good investment.

THEFT A clerk at Dover Arms Beer and Wine Store on Denman street was bear sprayed when he attempted to stop a man from stealing beer Friday night. James Austin Rufus Davis, 23, appears in court on March 12 on theft charges.

GAMES The Vancouver 2010 Games appear to have brought Canadians closer together, according to an Ipsos Reid study. It found that 80 per cent of Canadians now "agree" that they are a "Canadian nationalist," up eight points from an identical poll taken a year before the end of the Olympics.

VISION Some anti-depressant drugs are associated with an increased chance of developing cataracts, according to a new statistical study that involved researchers at the University of British Columbia.

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'Pastor' sentenced to nine more months for another sex assault

Daniel Cormier, a self-described pastor serving time for sexually assaulting a minor, has been sentenced to an additional nine months for abusing another girl. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Conservatives axe 245 patronage jobs

The federal government has taken what is expected to be the first step in its efforts to rein in the civil service, trimming 245 patronage jobs on boards, agencies and tribunals.

The announcement from Treasury Board president Stockwell Day is largely symbolic, since the governor-in-council positions are largely funded through honorariums and expense charges.

Day said he expects the savings will total between $1 million and $1.25 million a year.

But the minister made clear more is coming. He said he has no specific number for how much smaller he wants the public service to be, but noted there is flexibility for cuts.

"We're not going to put a number in terms of individuals ... the fact is every year about 13,000 people leave the public service, that alone creates opportunities, breathing room for departments to make decisions (on staffing)," he said.

In last week's budget, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty froze budgets, even though unionized public servants are in line to receive a 1.5 per cent salary boost in July.

The positions cut represent about nine per cent of the 2,700 positions filled by the cabinet on about 200 federal organizations and agencies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Jean takes emotional tour of Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE There were tears, hugs and Creole songs as a mobbed Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean returned to her native Haiti yesterday for an emotional tour of the island's wreckage as well as its hopes.

Both were on constant display from the moment Jean stepped onto the lawn of the collapsed Palais national.

"Mourning is one thing," Jean said after a meeting with Haitian President René Préval.

"Making sure that life triumphs over destruction is the focus."

Préval, who moments earlier had spoken of Haiti's historic chance to rebuild, had also noted that the godmother of Jean's child had perished in the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Jean's next stop was Sainte Trinité Episcopalian Cathedral, the UNESCO World Heritage Site where she was baptized. It is now mostly tons of rubble.

Later, at an otherwise jubilant rally amid the ruins of the Ministry of Women's Rights, Jean finally cried during a song dedicated to a friend who died in the quake, the feminist Magalie Marcelin. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Haitian President René Préval points out the damage to the presidential palace to Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean and her husband, Jean-Daniel Lafond, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti yesterday.

Seal meat the special of the day at Parliament Hill eatery

OTTAWA Seal meat hors-d'oeuvre and main courses will be on the lunch menu at the parliamentary restaurant tomorrow.

Senator Celine Hervieux-Payette says representatives of all political parties on Parliament Hill plan to sample the delicacies. The restaurant, an exclusive enclave for senators, MPs and journalists, is adding seal to a menu that features beef tenderloin, salmon, even bison.

The idea of serving seal came after Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean gnawed on a piece of raw seal heart during a northern visit last fall. While she was sharply criticized in Europe by seal hunt opponents, Ottawa politicians decided to follow her lead.

Actually getting the meat on the menu was a delicate task, because MPs and senators were reluctant to dictate choices to the chef. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

POLL A new poll provides insight into why the Harper government popped its own O Canada trial balloon so quickly last week: Massive and immediate public opposition. A survey by The Canadian Press Harris-Decima found that 74 per cent of respondents opposed rewording the national anthem to make it gender neutral, flak that began appearing even before Prime Minister Stephen Harper's spokesman grounded the notion just 48 hours after its was floated in the Conservative government's throne speech. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Oldest woman in U.S. dies

Mary Josephine Ray, born in P.E.I. and certified as the oldest person in the United States, died Sunday at the age of 114. She died at a nursing home in Westmoreland, N.H., but was active until about two weeks before her death, said her granddaughter, Katherine Ray. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

International Women's Day **Dancing protest**

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO CANADA

Women wearing traditional Persian outfits dance in front of the Iranian Embassy in Ottawa yesterday. The dance served as an International Women's Day protest of the repression of women under the current Iranian Regime.

TD Bank sounds alarm on retiring baby boomers

A new report on aging suggests the demographic crunch facing Canada is manageable, but only if government and business start making appropriate adjustments.

The TD Bank study is the latest of a string of recent reports to warn about the adverse impact on Canada and its economy as a result of the coming wave of retirements by baby boomers.

But while most have predicted severe labour shortages, stalled growth, lower living standards and fiscal squeezes on governments, TD economists Don Drummond and Francis Fong say the consequences may not be as dire if proper policies are adopted.

"If we don't do anything, the Canadian economy will be stalled and there will be serious consequences," concedes Drummond, the bank's chief economist.

"(We) will not have labour shortages like people are talking about," Drummond said. "We will sort this out, but there will be a price to pay for sorting this out."

Last month, Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page said the federal government will face a structural deficit of about $20 billion in five years because more Canadians will transition from tax-paying workers to services-using retirees.

Other studies, including by the Conference Board of Canada, have projected severe labour shortages in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

7 million less

- The bank says seven million baby boomers are set to retire in the next two decades, more than one-third Canada's labour force.

Canadian doctor says he treated A-Rod, but no HGH involved

INVESTIGATION A sports doctor under investigation in Canada and the United States says he treated Alex Rodriguez after the Yankees slugger had hip surgery last year but he only prescribed anti-inflammatories.

Rodriguez and other high profile baseball players have been contacted by U.S. federal investigators regarding sports medicine specialist Anthony Galea.

Rodriguez said last week he was aware of the investigation and plans to co-operate with the government. Galea faces drug charges in Canada and his assistant was stopped last year trying to bring human growth hormones over the border into New York state.

Galea told The Associated Press yesterday he has never given HGH to any athlete. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

SCHOLARSHIP Saskatchewan's Justice Ministry is looking into whether a scholarship fund meant to help students at the First Nations University of Canada was misused. Advanced Education Minister Rob Norris has asked justice officials to investigate what happened to $390,000 in the fund at the Regina-based institution. Officials say the money was in the fund a year ago, but less than $15,000 is left. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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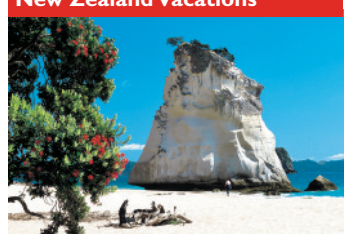

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General Motors dealerships slated for closure in Canada will not be given the same option to remain open that U.S. counterparts have been offered. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nunavut to balance books

Nunavut has become one of Canada's few governments so far this year to project a balanced budget, but Finance Minister Keith Peterson is warning that red ink flows downhill.

"We do not generate very much of what we spend," he said in the territorial legislature as he tabled his 2010-11 financial plan yesterday.

"Fully 93 per cent of our budget comes from the federal government, which faces years of deficits."

Ottawa, which has predicted a $49-billion deficit this year, has cut transfer payments before when trying to balance its books, Peterson warned.

> **"We do not generate very much of what we spend."**
> Keith Peterson, Nunavut finance minister

And while transfers are expected to be stable until at least 2014, Nunavut's budget documents point out those payments were cut nearly 25 per cent during the late 1990s.

"We need to reduce our reliance on these transfers," Peterson said. "It will take years, but we must improve our ability to pay our own way."

Just how long the road to self-sufficiency will be was hinted at in his $1.3-billion budget.

Social assistance and social housing costs have grown by more than nine per cent a year since 2005.

That growth rate is about 50 per cent faster than the growth in federal revenues, more than twice the growth rate of all government revenues and at least eight times faster than the expansion of Nunavut's population.

Health costs are also rising faster than federal transfers.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Expect protesters during G8 and G20 summits: Activists

TORONTO Activists say Canada has betrayed its role as an international leader and can expect protesters to take that message to the streets during the G8 and G20 summits.

Stephen Lewis, former ambassador to the United Nations, says Canada will show up empty-handed at the summits in Huntsville, Ont., and Toronto this summer.

Lewis says Prime Minister Stephen Harper is out of step with the other leaders on foreign aid spending.

He also says the prime minister has broken a promise to commit 0.7 per cent of Canada's gross national income to eradicating world poverty by 2015.

Gerry Barr, president of the Canadian Council on International Co-operation, says there will be public demonstrations to bring "sharpness" to those issues. Lewis and Barr were speaking in Toronto at the launch of a global campaign called At The Table being organized by a coalition of NGO's and faith-based groups.

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Cambodian rape victims face bribery demands: Report
Rape victims seeking justice in Cambodia face serious obstacles such as police who demand bribes before making an arrest, a human rights report released yesterday said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Conference will craft plan for Taliban

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said yesterday that an action plan to reintegrate low- to mid-level insurgent fighters into society and negotiate with the Taliban's top echelon will be crafted at a springtime peace conference aimed at ending the war. Karzai has already extended the government's offer to members of the Taliban who renounce ties to al-Qaida and other terrorist networks and agree to embrace the Afghan constitution.
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Living to 100 in the genes?

It may not quite measure up to the fabled Fountain of Youth, but U.S. researchers say they are beginning to unlock the genetic mysteries of those who live astonishingly long and healthy lives.

And to put a complex story in its most compelling context, the mystery boils down to this: With an active lifestyle, and help from breakthrough medicines envisioned within our era, the chances of you sticking around to age 100 and beyond are better than ever.

So says the New England Centenarian Study, which is readying to publish surprising new discoveries from genetic mapping of Americans still ticking after 100 years of life. The upshot is that genes matter — but not as rigidly as you might think. The Boston-based research group's latest findings suggest there are multiple genetic pathways to the century mark — an unexpected breadth of different variations and combinations of genes that deliver the prize of triple-digit longevity. "You or I can both win the lottery of living to 100 with different combinations of genes," said Dr. Thomas Perls, director of the New England study group. Perls' work is more easily done nowadays, given the surfeit of centenarians, who now are the fastest-growing age group in the U.S., at 84,000 and counting. Some projections suggest their ranks will approach one million by 2050.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Seismologists: String of quakes is coincidental

EARTHQUAKES Experts say there is nothing unusual about the latest spate of earthquakes in Haiti, Chile and now Turkey, but their devastation illustrates how growing construction along the world's fault lines can lead to massive casualties.

Seismologists say that although one powerful quake can conceivably raise the risk for others elsewhere, the recent string of quakes is probably just coincidence. Bob Holdsworth, an expert in tectonics at Durham University, said yesterday that "I can definitely tell you that the world is not coming to an end." Bernard Doft, the seismologist for the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, says there is no direct connection between the lethal quakes that have struck Haiti, Chile and Turkey. "These events are too far apart to be of direct influence to each other," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I can definitely tell you that the world is not coming to an end."
Tectonics expert Bob Holdsworth

Dutch bishop calls for inquiry

NETHERLANDS A leading Catholic bishop has called for an independent investigation into the sexual abuse of children by priests after 200 alleged victims contacted help services last week. What started as allegations of repeated incidents within a single cloister last month has quickly spread, and the Church victims' support organization Hulp en Recht has now received 200 complaints.

Rotterdam Bishop Ad van Luyn has apologized to victims and called for an independent investigation.
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Saving seats for women protested

NEW DELHI India's government introduced a bill yesterday that would reserve one-third of the legislature's seats for women, angering lawmakers who tore up papers and tried to tear out microphones. The protests stalled debate and voting on the proposal until at least today. The bill faced strong opposition, with many political leaders worried that their parties would lose seats under a female quota system.
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Cheaters never win? Not when it comes to nuclear energy, says Nicolas Sarkozy. Scan this code for the story.

El Salvador **Celebrating Women's Day**

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Women march to celebrate International Women's Day in San Salvador, El Salvador, yesterday. In many countries in Latin America, the day was dedicated to honour and remember the resilience of Haitian women, and the lives of three feminist Haitian activists who died during the catastrophic earthquake.

News in brief

NIGERIA The killers showed no mercy: They didn't spare women and children, or even a four-day-old baby, from their machetes. Dump trucks carried dozens of bodies past burned-out homes toward a mass grave yesterday. At least 200 people were slaughtered on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HIV research can't afford cut in funding: UN official
Cuts in donor funding could cause an HIV "nightmare," the United Nations' AIDS agency chief Michel Sidibe warned yesterday in South Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican politician admits to being gay

A California state senator who has staunchly opposed homosexual rights now says he is gay, ending days of speculation that began after his arrest last week for investigation of driving under the influence.

Roy Ashburn, a conservative Republican, came out in an interview with Sacramento's KERN radio.

Ashburn said he felt compelled to address rumours that he had visited a gay nightclub before his drunken driving arrest.

"I am gay ... those are the words that have been so difficult for me for so long," Ashburn told conservative talk show host Inga Barks.

The 55-year-old father of four said he had tried to keep his personal life separate from his professional life until his March 3 arrest.

"When I crossed the line and broke the law and put people at risk, that's different, and I do owe people an explanation," he said.

Ashburn was arrested after he was spotted driving erratically, according to the California Highway Patrol. Shelly Orio, a spokeswoman from the district attorney's office, said a breath test showed the senator's blood-alcohol level was .14 per cent, or .06 points above the legal limit.

The next day, reports surfaced that he had left Faces, a gay Sacramento nightclub, with an unidentified man in the passenger seat of his Senate-owned vehicle.

"I felt my duty ... is to represent my constituents, not my own point of view, not my own internal conflict."
California State Sen. Roy Ashburn on his anti-gay voting record

Over 14 years in the California state legislature, Ashburn has voted against a number of gay rights measures, including efforts to expand anti-discrimination laws and recognize out-of-state gay marriages.

Last year, he opposed a bill to establish a day of recognition to honour slain gay rights activist Harvey Milk.

Ashburn said his votes reflected the way constituents in his district wanted him to vote, not necessarily his own views.

"I felt my duty — and I still feel this way — is to represent my constituents, not my own point of view, not my own internal conflict," he told Barks.

He said he does not plan to run for any public office after his term ends later this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

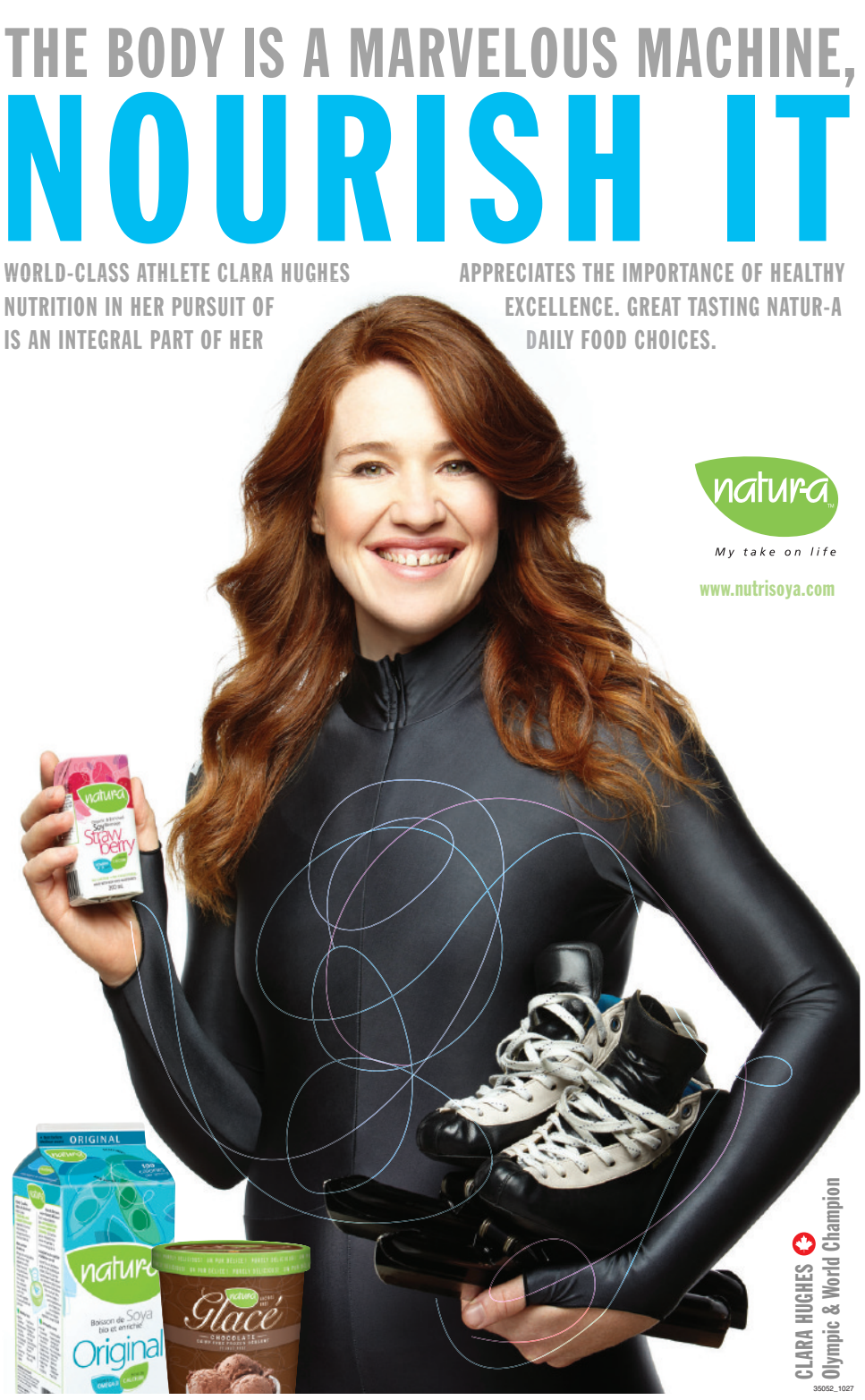
IMF makes proposal on climate spending

CLIMATE CHANGE The head of the International Monetary Fund yesterday proposed a plan for the world's governments to pool together to raise money needed to adapt to climate change, a rare step for an organization that normally does not develop environmental policies. IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn said the Fund is concerned about the huge amount of funding needed and the effect that will have on the global economy. He added that the proposal may help efforts to reach a binding agreement on climate change later this year.

Strauss-Kahn proposed that countries adopt a quota system, which could bring in money faster than proposals to increase carbon taxes. The IMF raises funds from its 185 members mainly through a quota system that is based broadly on each country's economic size. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

SWITZERLAND The world's largest atom smasher could generate its first scientific breakthrough later this year when operators hope to make discoveries into the elusive nature of dark matter, the director of the European Organization for Nuclear Research said yesterday. Scientists believe that dark matter makes galaxies spin faster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Tory vision clears up

NationalReport
Lawrence Martin

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We always used to knock Stephen Harper's Conservatives for having no vision. The prime minister wasn't one for big words and fancy phrases.

Tom Flanagan, his former top strategist, spoke of incrementalism as being the favoured approach. The Conservatives didn't want to scare Canadians by putting out a muscular policy blueprint that would have them thinking they were in the grip of Republican-styled rednecks.

But four years in, it's become clear that the Conservatives are the party of vision and the Liberals are the party without one.

We couldn't see what the Conservatives were really up to because they kept taking detours. Only a year ago, Harper had party purists up in arms with his Keynesian big-spending approach to fighting the recession. It went against all his former precepts. But governance requires pragmatic detours and most of the detours have been taken, and now it's clear what the Conservatives are all about.

"It's classic conservative stuff and a bold departure from the Trudeau-styled liberalism Canadians knew for so long."

They're about law and order, a strong military, smaller government with low tax rates, traditional Anglo-Saxon family values and flag-waving patriotism.

It's classic conservative stuff and a bold departure from the Trudeau-styled liberalism Canadians knew for so long. Progress has been made on all fronts. The crackdown-on-crime bills roll out with regularity. Defence spending has soared and only now will tail off. The GST has gone down two points and other tax reductions, especially for corporations, have been introduced.

Multiculturalism has been curbed. With the emphasis on Arctic sovereignty, the flag has been hoisted in the North and, in this Olympic year, all across the country. Last week's budget signals a shutting down of the spending taps that have been open for so long. With a smaller tax base in place, future governments won't have room for welfare-state initiatives.

On foreign policy, the Conservatives are displaying a stronger partisanship, moving Canada from its traditional honest broker role. With the provinces, there is more of a decentralizing hands-off approach.

What we've seen so far is only part of what the Tories have in mind. It's only been four years and it's been done with a minority government.

This idea of Canada — a Canada with stronger right-wing values than ever before — may not be what the majority of Canadians want. But it is coming and it's coming fast. And a big reason for this is that no strong alternative has been put in place by the Liberals. They are in the grey middle. They have been lurching all over the place without a concrete vision, leaving the people with no attractive option.

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Views

Finding a way to make online users pay

InBusiness
Charles Davies

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The past several years haven't been much fun for publishers of newspapers and magazines. Declining circulation and plunging ad revenues have ravaged bottom lines.

Some newspapers — the Seattle Post Intelligencer, the Christian Science Monitor — have shuttered their print editions and become solely online publications, while other major names like the Boston Globe have been threatened with shutdowns. Last year, 367 U.S. magazines closed. They were mostly small local and regional publications, but the list included a few venerable names, like Gourmet and Editor and Publisher.

At least the decline was an improvement on 2008, when 526 magazines closed for good. Even in Canada, where newspaper readership remains remarkably stable, profits have been pinched and costs (most often in the form of editorial salaries) are being ruthlessly pared.

The aging of the print generation is one reason for the overall decline, and recessions don't help either. But the big problem is the Internet. Every publication has a website and, while they generate some ad revenues, in most cases content is being given away.

Publishers are dying to find ways to make the Internet pay, and now they have some measure of just how hard a sell it's going to be. A recent Nielsen Company survey of more than 27,000 consumers in 52 countries found that 85 per cent think Internet content that's now free should stay that way. Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free, right?

While many would consider paying for certain types of content, in particular, movies, music and games that are professionally made, newspapers and magazines are a different matter. People are more reluctant to pay for them because their online content has become a commodity that's readily available from multiple sources.

There is, however, a solution for publishers, even though it will be distasteful for most of them. They can invest in quality content, the kind that's intensively researched, well reported, and diligently edited. Thoughtful and reliable content can give readers depth and understanding they won't necessarily find somewhere else.

There's a reason why people pay for full access to sites like The Economist or the Wall Street Journal. It's because they offer content and analysis that's qualitatively better than most of their competitors' free offerings. For a generation of Canadian publishers who have operated on the premise that editorial content costs are, at best, a nuisance to be tolerated, this could be a revelation.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

Worth mentioning

Asia-Pacific region lags on gender equality: UN

International Women's Day

Nearly 100 million women across Asia have "disappeared" because of a huge and growing gender gap that has fatally deprived them of access to health care and food and has led to widespread abortions of female fetuses, according to a UN report released yesterday.

96 The report estimated that 96 million females "disappeared" in 2007, either in gender-selective abortions or through the disparity in services. There were no separate numbers for deaths caused by gender-selective abortions versus neglect, infanticide and inadequate nutrition and health care.

The report, timed to coincide with International Women's Day, said the Asia-Pacific region lags behind much of the world on nearly all aspects of gender equality because of deeply entrenched traditions favouring men and poor government efforts to counteract them.

"The efforts of individual countries have not yet been broad, deep, sustained or serious enough to undercut the severe forms of discrimination that persist," according to the report, compiled by the United Nations Development Program.

And the disparities are spread across the continent, hitting wealthy countries such as Japan as well as poor countries such as Bangladesh, the report said.

Asia has the highest ratio of male babies born compared to female babies born, according to the report. In East Asia, which has the greatest disparity, 119 boys are born for every 100 girls. The world average is 107 boys for every 100 girls.

The reason for the disparity is mostly a cultural preference for male children and gender selective abortions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tokyo **Facing the music**

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Toyota Motor Corp. president Akio Toyoda, centre, answers a reporter's question after his meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama at Hatoyama's official residence in Tokyo yesterday. Toyoda's meeting with the Japanese leader yesterday came after his recent visits to Washington and Beijing, where he appeared before U.S. lawmakers and Chinese media, respectively, to talk about his company's recall of vehicles.

Youth set to boost housing market

Young Canadians are expected to give a boost to Canada's housing market this year as more of them tie the knot, get full-time jobs, and see those opportunities as major reasons to make take the plunge and buy a home.

A new study by the Royal Bank suggests that younger Canadians aged 18 to 24 are about to take the market by storm, with about 15 per cent of those surveyed in that age bracket saying they are very likely to buy, almost double the level recorded in 2009.

It's a marked shift in the attitudes of younger Canadians, who have tightened their budgets over the past few years to cope with tough jobs markets and a recessions.

10 The percentage of the 2,047 people of all ages surveyed for the 17th annual RBC home ownership study said they plan to buy a home within two years — up from seven per cent two years ago.

The latest survey shows that overall attitudes are changing as more Canadians return to shopping for homes as the economy recovers, even though it's considered a seller's market.

"Confidence in the housing market is back, essentially," RBC senior economist Robert Hogue said yesterday. Royal Bank said the study found more Canadians are "very likely" to buy a new home in the next two years. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said that the seasonally adjusted annual rate of housing starts reached 196,700 units in February, an increase from 185,400 in January 2010.

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Loonie hits seven-week high at midday

CURRENCY The Canadian dollar hit a seven-week high against its American counterpart yesterday as oil prices continued to rise amid signs of global economic improvement.

The loonie was up 0.18 cents at 97.22 cents US at midday, a level it has not seen since hitting a closing high for the year of 97.71 cents US on Jan. 14.

The loonie's year-to-date closing low was of 93.07 on Feb. 8.

A world economy that shows signs of being on the mend has been cited as a big driver of strength in the Canadian dollar.

That's because it suggests increased demand for the commodities Canada produces. More demand for oil, metals and other Canadian resources generally leads to a rising loonie.

But a higher dollar is also a big problem for Canada's already hard-hit manufacturers and exporters, They often see falling sales when the cost of their goods increases along with the value of the currency.

Parity?

- Scotia Capital currency strategists have predicted that the dollar will reach and surpass parity with the U.S. dollar by the middle of the year.

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WestJet Ltd. unveils rewards

AIRLINE WestJet Airlines Ltd. has unveiled its long-delayed credit card and frequent flyer programs.

The programs were initially slated to be introduced last June, but were put on hold until kinks in WestJet's new reservation system could be worked out. The Calgary-based airline is offering two different Royal Bank of Canada-branded MasterCard reward programs.

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Buyers in CP Ships can claim for cash

SETTLEMENT Investors who bought shares in the formerly publicly traded CP Ships over an 19-month period from January 2003 until August 2004 are being advised to submit a claim for a share of $12.8 million from a class-action settlement.

Class actions were filed in three provinces against the shipping company, formerly a subsidiary of Canadian Pacific Ltd. until it was split up. German shipping giant TUI AG bought CP Ships in a friendly takeover in 2005.

A Canadian class action filed in British Colubia was dropped but settlements between the defendants and the plaintiffs' lawyers were approved this year by superior courts in Quebec and Ontario on Jan. 18 and Feb. 3, respectively.

The law firm of Siskinds LLP, which was is counsel to the plaintiff in the Ontario class proceeding, announced yesterday that members of the class who wish to make a claim should do so by June 7, 2010.

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Your Money

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Seizing your tax power

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Every time you turn over your tax return to someone else you take a big step away from financial control. I know because I once started down that road ... on top of that, I was paying other people to make mistakes — and mistakes were made.

When I filled out my first tax return (too many years ago to state the number in a national column!), most Canadians did their own taxes — on paper.

Today 52 percent of us pay someone else to do the annual chore. And that's a shame.

Every time you turn over your tax return to someone else you take a big step away from financial control. I know because I once started down that road.

With kids, a career, a marriage — not to mention an ever growing menagerie — there didn't seem to be enough time; also my return had become more complicated. But with an accountant doing the job I found myself understanding less and less about what was going on with my money.

ALISON'S MONEY RULE
Looking for a surefire way to save some money this tax season? Do your own return.

On top of that I was paying other people to make mistakes — and mistakes were made.

More than half of those who pay someone to do their taxes state they don't have the confidence or knowledge to tackle it themselves.

However, today's tax software programs are simple to use for the average person.

Starting at around $19.99 popular titles include; Quick Tax, UFile, HR Block,Turbo-Tax, Cantax and GenuTax. Most offer multiple returns for the price and often unlimited ones for low income filers. Couples can file together and the programs optimize which one should claim a host of deductions from charitable donations through to medical expenses and the transfer of tuition and disability amounts.

Even small business owners and the self-employed can complete their returns easily.

For example, use of home deductions are clearly laid out in these programs.

All you need to do is plug in the number of rooms or percentage floor area plus figures for expenses such as hydro and heat.

You may still end up on the phone with Canada Revenue Agency or with the software publisher (if you've upgraded to phone support) for clarification —it's income tax after all.

However, if you take this step you will, as I did, achieve a sense of power over your finances.

And I'm a big fan of seizing power when you can.

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More reason to hate spam

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Fraud Prevention

We've all received a forwarded email from a friend, containing a humorous or feel-good message, that asks us to pass it along to 10 others with the promise of "something good happening." And many of us have done it. Seemingly harmless, right?

Not so, says Tim Richardson, an e-commerce professor at Seneca College. This is a typical scam and contributes to identity theft, he says.

"If you pass on a message, what you're doing is allowing the originator of the message to collect all these email addresses, which will then be used to send out spam email," he said.

Spam is one way fraudsters try to obtain personal information, including banking passwords, by sending out mass emails or text messages that appear to come from legitimate businesses. Also known as phishing, many Canadians have been tricked into sharing their social insurance number or credit card information. Typically, the email will claim to be from your bank asking you to update your personal information.

Protect yourself

- Never provide personal financial information in an email.
- Never click on links in emails from senders you don't know.
- If you receive a suspicious email regarding your finances, report it to your financial institution.

According to the RCMP's anti-fraud squad, instant messaging, social networking sites and video messaging sites also make users more vulnerable to blackmail scams from new virtual "friends." Law enforcement agencies have seen a rise in cases of people being blackmailed by "virtual" friends, who make demands for money.

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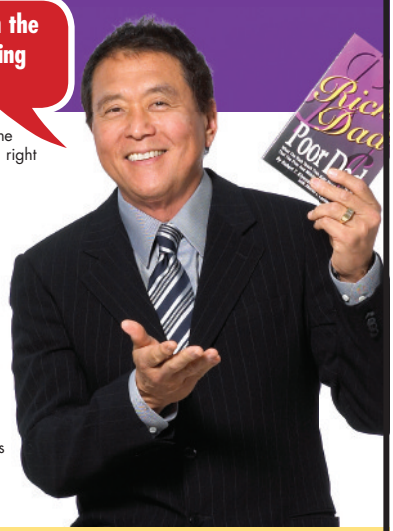

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Not everyone has to file a return

MoneyMatters

Q I live on my own and have never filed a tax return. I finished college last year and moved into my own place. I started working the last three months of last year. Should I pay the cost of filing a tax return or not file? Am I required to file a tax return?
— Errol, Newmarket, ON

A Contrary to thinking, not everyone has to file a tax return. You are required to file if:

- You owe income taxes
- Disposed of capital property
- Repay OAS or EI
- Earn more than $3,500 and must pay CPP
- Repay RRSP under Home Buyer's Plan etc.

However, although you may not be required to file, low and middle income individuals should or lose out on many tax and government benefits such as, GST, Provincial credits, child tax benefits, housing rebates, working income tax benefits, RRSP room, tuition credits, etc.

You should file the prior years, as you may be missing out on cash.

Q I started a new job and it has an employee stock option plan. Do I pay tax if I exercise this option? When and how much?
— Derrick, Toronto, ON

A Mr. Flaherty's $53-billion deficit spring budget has introduced some changes to the existing rules for employee stock options.

The taxable employment benefit is the difference between what you paid (option price) and the fair market value.

Taxes would be deferred until the actual sale of the shares and allowed a 50 per cent deduction. The deferral came to a halt on March 4, 2010.

Some changes are:

- Elimination of the tax deferral. CRA does not want to wait for "their" tax
- Relief for tax deferral via a special election
- Employers must withhold and remit tax on the employment benefit
- Prevent the "double deduction" practice

Contact your tax adviser, as the rules can be complex.

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OWNERSHIP With spring upon us, we are amid what is typically one of the busiest times of the year for homebuyers. With interest rates expected to rise, it's time more Canadian homeowners and prospective buyers consider taking a shorter amortization for their mortgage.

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"While many people choose the longest length of time to pay back their mortgage, they could pay thousands of dollars more in interest in the long run," said Jane Yuen, senior manager of mortgages, BMO Bank of Montreal. "Cutting your amortization period by five years from 30 to 25 years could save you over $53,000 in interest. You will be mortgage-free faster and your monthly payments will only increase by $84."

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Pickett lands with Als

Former Toronto Argonauts quarterback Cody Pickett has landed a job with the Grey Cup champion Montreal Alouettes. The Als announced yesterday they signed the 29-year-old pivot, who was released last month by the Argos. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sports

McNabb, T.O. team up again

Donovan McNabb will be throwing passes to Terrell Owens again. McNabb, left, and Owens are teaming up on a basketball court instead of a football field in the new season of Spike T's Pros vs. Joes. The episode features NFL players that played U.S. college basketball against former NBA stars. McNabb, Owens and Antonio Gates will face Hakeem Olajuwon, Kenny Smith and Toronto's Rick Fox. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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No easy fix for headshots as pressure mounts on GMs

NHL As more ugly head shots make news, the NHL's 30 general managers are still wrestling with how to handle the issue.

The GMs were presented with an avalanche of information about concussions and various types of checks on the opening day of their annual meeting yesterday, but they seemed no closer to a recommendation that could lead to fewer hits to the head.

And the pressure is mounting. After watching Boston Bruins forward Marc Savard carried from the ice on a stretcher and hearing players start to voice concern, many are looking to the GMs to make some kind of recommendation by the time their meetings wrap up tomorrow.

It won't be easy.

"I hope that we can do something that can help fix part of the problem, but it's not really as cut and dry as a lot of people think," said Carolina Hurricanes GM Jim Rutherford.

The managers have discussed the issue several times in the past, including at these meetings a year ago after former NHL Players' Association executives Paul Kelly and Glenn Healy raised it.

They've yet to find an acceptable way to reduce the head hits while still maintaining the physical nature of the sport.

The GMs will break into smaller groups today to discuss a variety of topics — including head shots — and could come up with a recommendation before going home. Any rule change is subject to the approval of the competition committee and board of governors.

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No more me-first for Printers

Quarterback Casey Printers says he's no longer a me-first guy as he prepares to lead the B.C. Lions into the 2010 CFL season.

"For me, the reason I am standing here today as grateful as I am is that I realize it is not about me."
Casey Printers

Printers, the league's 2004 most outstanding player in his first tour of duty with the Lions, hit a career low point a year ago when he was released by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Now the pendulum has swung the other way.

The Lions announced yesterday that he's signed a contract extension after joining the practice roster last September when B.C. was decimated by injuries at the pivot position.

"People were talking about me being a me-guy, me-this and me-that," Printers, who left the Lions in 2006 amid a quarterback controversy to sign with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, said in an interview.

"Everybody has that me mentality. If you talk to anybody, they are going to make sure that they are secure first before anything."

That's changed, Printers said. Today, he's grateful and just wants to help the ball club.

Printers spent the 2006 season on the Chiefs' practice roster after leading the Lions to the 2004 Grey Cup, when starting quarterback Dave Dickenson was injured.

Dickenson started the championship game and reclaimed the Lions' No. 1 role the next year.

"For me, the reason I am standing here today as grateful as I am is that I realize it is not about me," said Printers, who moonlights as a motivational speaker.

"If you are helping other people, it will spiral around to you. It wasn't that way for me when I was 22, 23. It was more that everybody mentality of making sure that me is OK."

Printers, who will turn 29 before his eighth CFL season, started and won two of the last five games of 2009, enabling 8-10 B.C. to become a crossover playoff team in the East Division.

The Lions won the East semifinal 34-27 in Hamilton but were blown out 56-18 in the division final by the Grey Cup champion Alouettes in Montreal.

"If he does what we all expect, we expect him to be our starter for years to come," said head coach and general manager Wally Buono, who has five quarterbacks under contract. He would not elaborate on Printers' deal other than to say it was for more than one year.

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Team Ontario skip Glenn Howard, centre, delivers a rock while playing New Brunswick during the 2010 Tim Horton's Brier yesterday in Halifax. Ontario beat New Brunswick 7-4.

Ontario's Howard perfect atop leaderboard

CURLING Two wins and family bragging rights. Not a bad day for Glenn Howard and his Ontario rink at the Tim Hortons Brier.

Ontario solidified its position atop the Brier standings with a 5-0 record after three days of play with wins over New Brunswick and Nova Scotia yesterday.

Howard, a three time Brier winner, will bring some swagger to the next family get together. New Brunswick's foursome features third Steven Howard, Glenn's nephew.

"We were all jokes. I called him old," said Steven Howard of the pre-game banter with his uncle.

"We really drive to push each other but today I just didn't perform very well."

New Brunswick (2-3) kept it close until the eighth end when skip James Grattan tried for a double takeout but clipped a guard, allowing Ontario to score three.

"Never ever dreamed it would go that way," Glenn Howard said. "I was thinking I'd have to draw to the pin ... that I was going for one.

"You just never know how it's going to happen. It came out of nowhere."

Howard had an easier time against Nova Scotia's Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc, scoring some easy doubles in a 9-3 win.

Alberta's Kevin Koe sits at 4-1 after losing to B.C.'s Jeff Richard in the early draw. But he rebounded later yesterday for a 9-5 win against Saskatchewan's Darrell McKee.

"It was definitely good to come back after that loss," said Koe. "You don't want to lose two in one day. It's just deflating."

Manitoba and Newfoundland and Labrador were also able to creep up the board with wins yesterday to post identical 4-1 records. In the late draw, Quebec was able to jump to 3-2 with a dramatic last rock shot by skip Serge Reid to down B.C. 8-7.

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Sports in brief

NHL Bruins centre Marc Savard is on his way home to Boston where he is slated to meet with a concussion specialist after taking a blindside hit from Penguins forward Matt Cooke during a game Sunday. Savard spent the night at his Pittsburgh hotel along with a member of the team's medical staff while the rest of the Bruins travelled to Toronto.

BIG BEN A high-profile defence attorney hired by Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger yesterday disputed a college student's claim that the two-time Super Bowl winner sexually assaulted her at a Georgia nightclub. The 20-year-old told police Roethlisberger, who had been out barhopping with friends, assaulted her early Friday.

UFC Kimbo Slice is coming to Canada. The UFC confirmed yesterday that the former street brawler will meet heavyweight Matt Mitrione at UFC 113 in Montreal on May 8. The main event at the Bell Centre is a rematch between light-heavyweight champion Lyoto (The Dragon) Machida and Mauricio (Shogun) Rua.

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Movement community-driven

Native studies programs first appeared in early '80s and are continuing to grow

RICK McGINNIS
for Metro Canada

While the idea of native or aboriginal studies began with the birth of identity politics in the '60s, native studies programs didn't hit Canada's academic world until the early '80s, appearing first at prairie and west coast universities.

At the University of Calgary, Prof. James Frideres remembers courses in aboriginal education appearing as early as the '70s, before native groups protested and funding was diverted to native colleges, which led to the program languishing for a decade.

It wasn't until the early '90s when new initiatives were built up, and the U of C began groundwork on an undergraduate program, though at this point there were very few qualified teachers with an indigenous background. In the last few years, Frideres notes that "there was a major shift and that there now were a number of indigenous people who had the qualifications, and they began to enter the academy. And now those indigenous scholars have begun to publish their work.

"There's quite a substantial literature that's been built up."

At McMaster University in Hamilton, acting director of Indigenous Studies Rick Monture remembers the department forming due to the efforts of the First Nations Student Association, a group comprised of mostly Six Nations Mohawk students, and which was ultimately led by Dawn Martin Hill, the program's director, currently on a research sabbatical.

It started with a Mohawk language course in 1992, and grew thanks to the support of native community leaders both in the city and on the Six Nations Reserve just a half hour away from the campus.

"It was a community-driven movement," Monture recalls.

"The university was supportive, but it was community leaders who pushed forward the idea."

Aboriginal Studies at the University of Toronto began in the early '90s, and Eileen Antone, now the program's director, began working there in 1999, working with transitional year students. Like most native studies programs, it hosts a mix of students — non-native students in some programs can vary from 50 to 80 per cent —but native students have the use of a specialized student centre (First Nations House at U of T) and a Centre for Aboriginal Initiatives.

At Simon Fraser University, Prof. Eldon Yellowhorn recalls the First Nations Studies program starting with a language course at its Kamloops campus, before a larger program took shape at the Burnaby campus in the late '90s. He's seen graduates move on to law school and archaeology, while Eileen Antone says her students have gone on to teaching and social work, and Rick Monture can cite students now working for NGOs, in Indian Affairs and land claims offices.

James Frideres recalls his last two cohorts of graduates: "Two have gone to law school, three work for the provincial government, two are in private sector consulting, three people have gone on to master's degrees, and a handful have gone into oil and gas — Shell, Petro Canada and Trans Canada Pipelines," he says. "Five or six have spread out, gone back to reserve, become band managers; two people have gone to banks —the Royal Bank and the Bank of Montreal.

"The end story is that they all are employed, and in a position that utilized the expertise that they gained from the program."

Colleges and universities across Canada have been building and expanding Native Studies programs that allow student a chance to learn about Native languages, art and history.

A look at some Aboriginal and Native studies programs across Canada

Aboriginal and Native studies programs vary in size, but many universities across Canada offer some course of study, from graduate programs to courses offered annually or biennially. Most are interdisciplinary, and the following is a quick overview of undergraduate degree programs offered across the country.

- **Simon Fraser University**'s First Nations Studies program offers everything from a minor in FNS to joint majors with archeology and linguistics to a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in FNS.
- **The University of British Columbia**'s campus is located on the ancestral lands of the Musqueam tribes, and their First Nations Studies program offers major and minor studies in conjunction with Art History, Creative Writing and Theatre to History, Anthropology and Linguistics.
- The Faculty of Arts at the **University of Fraser Valley** offers a menu of courses in Indigenous Studies, as well as a certificate program geared to researching maps, films, rights, and land claims.
- **The University of Victoria**'s Indigenous Studies Program offers a BA in conjunction with the faculties of humanities and social studies, as well as a minors undergraduate program.
- **The University of Calgary**'s International Indigenous Studies program offers a more global approach to Native studies that students can take up to a Bachelor of Arts degree.
- The Department of Native Studies at the **University of Manitoba** has regular and advanced major programs, the latter of which includes a minor in business.
- The Indigenous Studies program at **McMaster University** offers courses that can be combined with offerings in the Social Studies and Humanities departments in a BA course load, as well as a minors program.
- The **University of Toronto**'s Aboriginal Studies program is associated with the university's faculty of arts, as part of minor, major and specialist degree programs.

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Kwantlen launches fine arts degree

DANIEL HENDRIKSEN
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Kwantlen Polytechnic University has a new Bachelor of Fine Arts degree program at its Surrey campus.

The program teaches students about traditional art disciplines as well as some that are new and more technology-driven.

"It's kind of unique because, although we do all of the digital video imaging courses, we still offer traditional studio art courses like ceramics and sculpturing where other programs are moving just toward digital," says Scott Mcbride, Chair of Fine Arts at Kwantlen.

Mcbride says it was a long time coming getting this program approved, but it's evident now there is a demand for it. In fact, they can't accommodate all of the applications they're receiving.

"It's an important program for us to have because it's filling a need in the South Fraser," says Mcbride. "It gives students the opportunity to complete a BFA degree in their community."

The diversity of the program gives students a chance to learn a broad range of art skills from digital video imaging courses to traditional studio art courses like ceramics and sculpturing.

According to Mcbride, there's no age limit when it comes to learning and honing your arts skills. He says they have students fresh out of high school as well as people who are re-entering the work force and trying to change their lives.

Even though a lot of the visual arts are dealing with computers and technology, Mcbride says you don't necessarily have to be computer whiz to be successful.

"A lot of those companies, like Electronic Arts here in Vancouver, for example, they're not looking for a computer technology people, they're looking for people who are creative and who can think of new things, and a fine arts degree helps you think creatively," he says.

Graduates of the BFA, Visual Arts degree can enter the huge world of film and animation and animation of digital web design. According to Mcbride, they even have students currently working with the film company Dreamworks.

"Some students choose to go a more traditional route and move on to become artists or high school art teachers," Mcbride says. "It's a visual world that we live in and the sky is the limit."

For more info, check out kwantlen.ca/humanities/visualarts.html.

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Douglas College students have talent

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A year's tuition is up for grabs for three of the 96 hopeful Douglas College students competing in the school's first-ever online competition Doug's Got Talent.

> **"I played basketball my whole life. But after an accident last year that stopped me from playing, this contest was a way to capture what I did back then."**
> Mathias Stoecker

Plans for the pioneering contest originated more than year ago when school administration began looking at the college's 40th anniversary in 2010. To celebrate the milestone, college officials wanted to do something that not only highlighted the institution, but also gave back to the students who pack their halls every year.

"We really had to do something big and bold," said Sean Kelly, manager of marketing and operations for the college. "And with the emergence of social media over the past few years, something Douglas College has embraced in various curricula, it was like the idea for the contest was ready-made."

Doug's Got Talent was open to all current Douglas College students — the nearly 6,000 full-time attendees that populate school's New Westminster and Coquitlam campuses — as well as those in high school planning on attending Douglas in September 2010. The contest opened Nov. 25, 2009, and closed Feb. 28.

The rules for the contest were simple. Students uploaded a maximum two-minute video displaying their unique talent to YouTube, joined the site's Doug's Got Talent group and filled out a contest entry form.

A panel of Douglas College faculty, staff and students will view all 96 submissions and choose 10 finalists by the end of this month. The finalists' videos will then be posted on the school's website to be voted on by the public. The three videos that receive the most votes will win the grand prizes of $4,000 in tuition credits for next year.

While the obvious financial benefits to students were a driving force in submissions for the contest, some students took this opportunity to showcase talents that were dear to them.

"I played basketball my whole life," said 22-year-old contest participant Mathias Stoecker. "But after an accident last year that stopped me from playing, this contest was a way to capture what I did back then."

For Priscilla Bartleman, Doug's Got Talent was, amongst other factors, the chance to show off an age-old cultural tradition.

"Aboriginal Pow Wow dancing was just something I grew up with," said the third-year psychology student. "But, of course, the experience and the tuition were reasons as well."

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From left: Damian Domagala, Ian Howatson and Jonathan Eger put together a hockey helmet.

Seeing pictures and video in 3-D without having to wear those goofy plastic glasses? Believe it, as a team from Sheridan College has created a 3-D game that needs nothing more than your own eyes to see it in three dimensions.

Imagine blasting aliens or watching a sequel to Avatar in beautiful 3-D without having to wear those goofy plastic glasses and you can start to get an idea of the potential of what the Sheridan team has achieved.

The game, called IC3-D, was debuted at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games and was commissioned by the province of Ontario to showcase 20 of the province's landmark attractions. In the game, players use a Blackberry to control puzzle pieces of Ontario landmarks in 3-D and are rewarded with a short video clip of the landmark they've put together.

The game works by using a 3-D screen created by Ontario company Spatial View, which includes an overlay that tricks the naked human eye into seeing images in 3-D.

Similar overlay screens could easily be adapted to fit over an iPhone or other video gadgets to make similar glasses-less 3-D viewing possible with the help of a simple software update, said Sheridan web developer Ian Howatson, who worked on the game.

3-D artist Damian Domagala helped create the 3-D look in the game hopes the team's work will lead other developers to consider using the technology for other practical purposes.

"This is a great proof of concept. We can see this being used in advertising, tourist attractions and lots of other applications," Domagala said.

Students, staff and faculty worked together to complete the game in just 12 weeks leading up to its release at the Olympics, and Sheridan College Dean Darren Lawless is proud not only of the end result but in how well everything came together.

"We're demonstrating to the world that this can be done and that Canadians in general can play on the world stage. It's a real-life example where we blended our core faculty, students and the industry to achieve something great," Lawless said.

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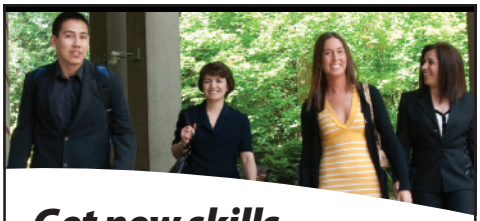
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BCIT's robotics program on the cutting edge

Students get a broad range of technical knowledge

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With technology evolving every day, the workforce is always in need of skilled people to build, maintain and operate machinery, robots and computers.

A perfect program for individuals who want to be on the cutting edge of technology is BCIT's Mechatronics and Robotics Diploma program.

The program is designed to encompass all forms of technology. According to program head Brent Dunn, computers, electronics and mechanical equipment can all work as a system.

"The goal of the program is to train students to work with those major systems," says Dunn.

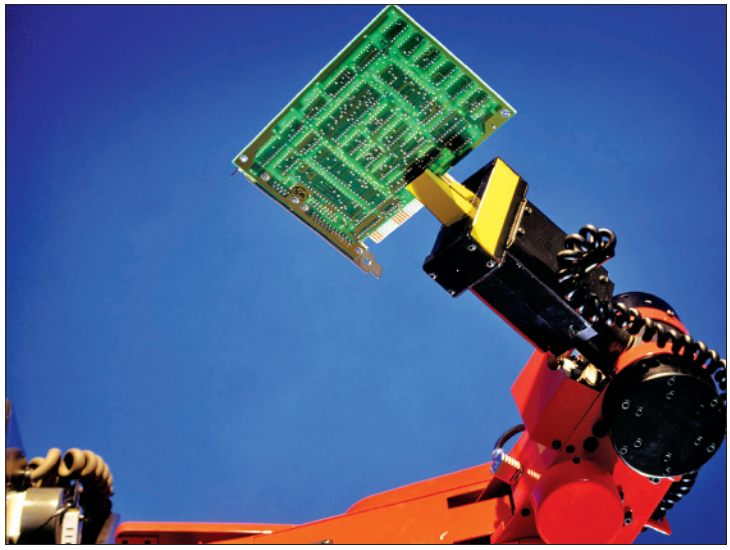
These systems can be quite diverse and complex, such as underwater robotics, but they can also be as basic as the power seat in your car. It's essentially an electronic device that moves back and forth and has several different settings.

Nick Topouzis is in the final semester of the program. He says it's very challenging but he's thrilled to be enrolled in something that will land him a job in field that he loves.

"I wanted to do something exciting, something that would make me look forward to going to work, so I met with a BCIT adviser and she led me to this program — and it was exactly what I was looking for," says Topouzis.

Students in the program have a wide variety of options as to what to do after graduation.

"We've had some grads who were really busy with the Olympics building camera stabilizers, which are actually used in a lot of action movies. We have some grads who are working on computer controlled machines for prosthetic devices, and some that help build exoskeletons used for helping disabled people walk," says Dunn.



Technological systems can be as complicated as a robotic arm or something as basic as the power seat in your car, but all need skilled peopled to build, operate and maintain them.

"I wanted to do something exciting, something that would make me look forward to going to work."
Nick Topouzis, BCIT student

Grads can also choose to transfer to universities and grad schools. After finishing the Mechatronics and Robotics program at BCIT, they can roll right into the third year of an engineering program.

Topouzis says he's still weighing his options.

"I plan on looking at the job market. I'm really interested in high-tech research and development, but I may have to get an engineering degree beforehand."

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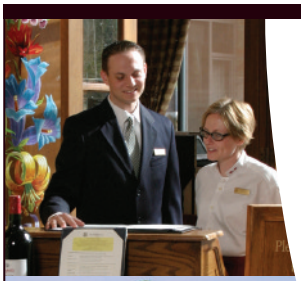

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International students pay high price

Lise de Montbrun was a teenager in Trinidad when Canadian university recruiters descended on her high school.

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Lise de Montbrun, from Trinidad, is an architecture student at Ryerson University in Toronto.

Armed with pamphlets and descriptions of Canadian campus life, they wooed de Montbrun and others to come study up north.

"I didn't need much convincing," said de Montbrun, now a 22-year-old architecture student at Toronto's Ryerson University.

It seems more young people around the world are thinking the same way.

Lucrative international students are flocking to Canada in record numbers — almost doubling in the last decade — as universities woo them to bolster their shrinking budgets.

The number of international students in Canada has ballooned from 97,300 in 1999 to more than 178,000 in 2008. One-quarter of those students are in Ontario, while the majority settle in large cities like Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.

Canada drew de Montbrun from the very beginning. Since Trinidad didn't offer architecture programs, de Montbrun knew she would have to study abroad. Now, she said she's earning a degree that is internationally valued, all the while being exposed to a different country and culture.

But, she's paying for it. Since most provinces deregulated tuition fees, post-secondary institutions can charge international students more than three times the fees Canadian students pay.

In de Montbrun's first year, she was paying $14,000 in tuition. Now, her annual bill is closer to $17,000.

"Every year, it increases," she said. "The university can increase it at any rate they want."

As belts tighten on campus, post-secondary institutions are increasingly keen to tap into the international students revenue stream.

Robert White, senior policy analyst for international affairs with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, said there are more international students looking for education away from home. He said universities are increasingly competing for the best and the brightest, recognizing that those students don't always have a Canadian passport.

"(With) the ease of travel and, greater prosperity across the world, the potential for going and studying outside of their home country has just grown," he said. "We've benefited from that."

But the increasing reliance on students like de Montbrun has many concerned. While some say international students are just a Band-Aid solution to chronic underfunding, others worry the growing population could cause universities to lower their academic standards.

David Robinson, associate executive director of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, said relying on such "cash cows" brings its own set of challenges.

Some have difficulty with English or basic academic skills like essay writing. And given the desperately needed cash the students provide, Robinson said there have been cases where the administration is reluctant to uphold academic standards by expelling or failing such lucrative students.

"To expel those students means you are essentially cutting off a potential supply of revenue," said Robinson, pointing to Australia where about one-quarter of students come from outside the country.

"If we end up in a situation where we're going to become more dependent upon the revenue streams international students provide, it does create potentials for conflict of interest where academic values may conflict with commercial values."

Others worry Canada is limiting education to all but the wealthiest of international students while relying on them as a stop-gap measure. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Chair brings native issues to light

RICK McGINNIS
for Metro Canada

Aboriginal Studies might be a young field, but its reputation was enhanced recently when Hugh Brody was appointed Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Studies at Fraser Valley University in British Columbia.

British-born and Oxford-educated, Brody became the holder of a position that, strange as it may sound, no academic can either seek or apply for.

Brody is the author of nine books, including Maps & Dreams, The Other Side of Eden and Living Arctic.

He has had an association with Canada that goes back to the 1970s, when he studied land use and native treaty land claims, which has seen him working for both the Canadian government and native groups.

He's also the director of 12 documentary films, the latest of which was the direct fruit of his position at Fraser Valley.

Hugh Brody, Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Studies.

The chair, Brody explains, "gives me access to some resources, but what it does is focus my mind on an issue in Canada. I'm someone who's always been able to do work in Canada, whether it was funded by the government of Canada when I worked for the government directly, or by aboriginal groups when I worked on land claims research through the years."

His position at Fraser Valley, which began in 2004, was announced by the Prime Minister's office when he was awarded the tier one chair, which is funded by the federal government to the tune of $200,000 annually. The awarding of a chair is something that has to begin with the institution, who apply to the government, in the hopes of attracting scholars or, as Brody explains, "encourage people to return to Canada to pursue their work."

In 1985, Brody co-authored Nineteen Nineteen, with Michael Ignatieff, then a much-published academic and now leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. It was a nonfiction screenplay on psycho-analysis that he turned into a movie a year later, starring Colin Firth and Paul Scofield.

His latest film, The Meaning Of Life, is a very different project, about the rehabilitation of Native Canadian convicts at a unique prison in the interior of British Columbia.

Brody says he's just begun showing The Meaning Of Life to native groups and in prisons, and he hopes that it'll shed some light on a subject he thinks has been overlooked.

"Aboriginal people are drastically overrepresented in the prison system," Brody says. "This film gives attention to this fact, how it's being addressed, and gives aboriginal people a chance to talk about it."

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UBC gets bioenergy project

System will use waste to power university campus

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A first-of-its-kind bioenergy project at the University of British Columbia has been given the go ahead for construction by the province as part of its Olympic and Paralympic business hosting strategy.

The UBC Bioenergy Research and Demonstration project — a partnership between UBC, Nexterra Systems and GE — was announced on February 15 as part of B.C.'s Clean Energy Day.

Upon completion, the project will be the world's first biomass-fueled heat and power generation system. The system will break down waste to produce a synthetic gas that it will then use to power a gas engine. The energy from the engine will partially provide the UBC campus with heat and electricity.

"This really is the prototype for a living laboratory," said John Grace, a professor of engineering and former director of the clean energy centre at UBC. "For the community it shows real leadership. It shows that we can take waste, gasify it and help meet environmental standards."

The installation will generate enough clean electricity to reduce the school's natural gas usage by 12 per cent, power nearly 1,500 homes on the campus and eliminate a possible 4,500 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year.

Along with the environmental considerations of the project, it will also offer a research component for students to examine clean energy technologies in the hopes of informing future global standards in bioenergy.

"Graduate students, both master's and PhD's, will be working on it," added Grace. "They will be working quite actively for thesis projects and such."

The uniqueness of the endeavour is also being used as a promotional tool, capitalizing on the intense global focus the province has experienced from hosting the Games, to lure clean energy specialists from around the world to the province to conduct research.

"I believe by being at the leading edge of this interaction between technology and the environment and the economy and the environment we will drive an improved economic environment. And, create a better quality of life for people that live in British Columbia."
Blair Lekstrom, minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

"The significance of the project is that it is a phenomenal demonstration," said Wal van Lierop, owner of Chrysalix Energy, a venture capital firm involved in bioenergy technology and policy. "People will come to see how this project works."

Some government officials even see the success of this installation as a possible catalyst towards economic recovery.

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Face forward on fall runways

LIZA HERZ
for Metro Canada

The major fashion shows aren't just a preview of what we'll be wearing six months from now, they also flash some massive clues about the latest beauty trends.

Think of it as the cosmetic culture's version of a crystal ball, a chance to peer into the future and glimpse the latest looks from the Autumn/Winter 2010/11 collections, as seen on four world runways.

This year, if there's anything conclusive to say about the recent ready-to-wear shows in Europe and New York, it's that we'll still be wearing nude lipstick in September.

Unless of course, we're wearing bright orange lipstick instead.

That's the eternal seesaw of beauty. For every trend, a counterveiling trend.

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London: Mulberry modernized a classic '60s look.

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Paris: Balmain banished full-fledged colour.

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New York: Michael Angel went green and natural.

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Milan: Gianfranco Ferre revved it up with red.

1 NEW YORK

Bright spring-like colours were a definite theme on Gotham's runways: Orange lips at Max Azria and Richard Chai, ice blue eye shadow at Jason Wu. Maybelline New York's global makeup artist Charlotte Willer giddily underlined eyes in vivid green for Michael Angel (see Maybelline's Irresistibly Ivy Eye Studio palette, $12), then paired it with a subtle, nude lip colour (Maybelline Color Sensational lipstick in Born with It, $10) dabbed on by finger for a soft, edgeless look.

2 LONDON

Lush and seductive were the bywords in Londontown. Stained berry lips at Pringle of Scotland, eyeliner lining mouths at Vivienne Westwood. At Mulberry the smoky cat eye added an edge of retro allure to the bright, flirty clothes. Unlike a precise cat-eye rendered in liquid eyeliner, the smoky look is virtually goof-proof because the smudgier it looks the better it looks. Try it with Covergirl's Smoky ShadowBlast in Onyx Smoke ($9).

3 MILAN

Nothing gives you more impact for less effort than bright red lips. This attention-getting trend appeared all over Milan: with minimal eye makeup at Gianfranco Ferre; with a smoky cat eye at DSquared; and in an over the top trifecta of red, at Luisa Beccaria, MAC's makeup artists went all out using MAC's Cherry pencil ($15.50), Ruby Woo lipstick ($16.50) and Russian Red lip glass ($16.50). La Dolce Vita indeed.

4 PARIS

A healthy glow? Mais, non! Pale skin dominated the Paris shows, paired with a defined brow and a soft pink mouth at Nina Ricci, Balmain, and Dries Van Noten. At Balenciaga the girls were as translucent as space aliens with only a soft circle of blush for colour. Get the look with Clarins Cotton Flower Collector Face Palette ($42), a subtle shimmery veil that evens skin tone and adds luminosity

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Food

The survey says... more organic

Expect to see more organic produce and locally sourced food on Canadian restaurant menus, a survey of professional chefs reveals. Conducted by the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association, the survey of close to 400 chefs took place in January and February by BrandSpark International, a Canadian market research firm. The top menu trends across the country as identified by the chefs include sustainability, artisanal cheeses, simplicity and back to the basics, nutrition and healthy cuisine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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End on a sweet note with lemon cupcakes

Poached Salmon with Salsa Verde

PREP: 10 MINUTES
COOK: 10 MINUTES
MAKES: 4 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 each onion and rib celery, thinly sliced
- 3 thin slices lemon
- 4 sprigs fresh parsley
- ½ tsp (2 mL) each salt and peppercorns
- 4 skin-on salmon fillets (each 6 oz/175 g)
- Lemon wedges

Salsa Verde:
- ⅓ cup (75 mL) fresh bread crumbs
- 3 Tbsp (45 mL) red wine vinegar
- 1 hard-cooked egg, coarsely chopped
- 1 bunch fresh parsley, stemmed
- 2 Tbsp (25 mL) capers
- 2 anchovy fillets
- 1 clove garlic
- ¼ cup (50 mL) extra-virgin olive oil

METHOD:

1. In wide low pan large enough to hold fish in single layer, bring 3 cups (750 mL) water, onion, celery, lemon, parsley, salt and peppercorns to boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

2. Add fish; poach just below simmer, covered, just until salmon flakes easily when tested, 5 to 7 minutes. With slotted spatula, transfer fish to plates; remove skin.

3. **Salsa verde:** Meanwhile, soak bread crumbs in vinegar for 5 minutes; transfer to food processor. Add egg, parsley, capers, anchovies and garlic; chop finely. With motor running, drizzle in oil and 3 tbsp (50 mL) of the cooking liquid. Serve with salmon. Garnish with lemon wedges.

Poached Salmon with Salsa Verde.

Lemon Cupcakes with Chocolate Icing

PREP: 15 MINUTES
COOK: 20 MINUTES
MAKES: 12 CUPCAKES

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 cup (250 mL) granulated sugar
- 4 tsp (20 mL) grated lemon rind
- ½ cup (125 mL) unsalted butter, softened
- 4 eggs
- 2 Tbsp (25 mL) lemon juice
- ¾ cup (175 mL) sifted cake-and-pastry flour
- ¾ cup (175 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp (5 mL) baking powder
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) baking soda
- Pinch salt
- ½ cup (125 mL) milk

Chocolate icing:
- ½ cup (125 mL) unsalted butter, softened
- 1¼ cups (300 mL) icing sugar
- Pinch salt
- 2 oz (60 g) unsweetened chocolate, melted and cooled
- 2 tsp (10 mL) hot water

METHOD:

1. In small bowl and using fingers, rub sugar with lemon rind until fragrant.

2. In large bowl, beat butter until light and pale, about 2 minutes. Beat in lemon sugar, 1/4 cup (50 mL) at a time and beating for 30 seconds after each, until fully incorporated, about 5 minutes total. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each (mixture will be runny). Beat in lemon juice.

3. In separate bowl, whisk together cake-and-pastry flour, all-purpose flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; sift into butter mixture alternately with milk, making 4 additions of dry ingredients and 3 of milk (batter will look curdled). Scrape into 12 paper-lined or greased muffin cups.

4. Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven until cake tester inserted in centre comes out clean, about 20 minutes. Let cool in pans on racks for 10 minutes. Turn out onto racks; let cool completely.

5. Chocolate Icing: In bowl, beat together butter, icing sugar and salt until fluffy; beat in chocolate. Beat in hot water until fluffy. Spread over cupcakes.

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Cheap vinos

As the economy shuffles its way back to some form of normalcy the one thing many of you have kept as a souvenir from the last year or so is a new found appreciation for cheap wine.

I know what you're thinking. Hasn't there always been a market for true "table" wines? Sure, but what our latest financial catastrophe happened to coincide with was the arrival of some really decent under $10 juice at national liquor stores.

And I'm not talking blended in Canada type stuff. The abundance of quality fruit being produced in Argentina, Chile, Australia and the U.S. has meant that for once there's actual variety when you head down to the bargain basement.

California's Gray Fox Vineyards' wines are a good example of inexpensive consistency. Its creamy **2008 Chardonnay** ($6.95 - $9.99) is all about up-front tropical fruit that will cozy up nicely to roast chicken and simple shellfish-based dishes.

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Barker gets DJ Am tattoo

Travis Barker showed off his new tattoo, which honours his longtime friend, the late DJ AM. Barker posted a photo of the thigh tattoo on his Twitter account and tweeted, "Finished my AM tattoo last night." **POPEATER.CA**

Entertainment

Dance partner

Brooke Burke is set to co-host Dancing With the Stars alongside Tom Bergeron, it was announced yesterday. Burke will replace Samantha Harris, who said in January that she was leaving the show. **PEOPLE.COM**

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The next big thing

Canadian Music Week shines light on up-and-coming acts

TheAudioFiles

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Hannah Georgas performs at Canadian Music Week in Toronto.

The biggest music festival in the country kicks off in Toronto this week with 700 acts from across Canada and around the world set to perform. Here are five bands that are posied to make a little more noise than the others for the assembled media and industry delegates at Canadian Music Week.

Hannah Georgas: You probably haven't heard of Vancouver singer-songwriter Hannah Georgas, but it won't be long until her name is uttered in the same breath as Feist and Emily Haines. Georgas, whose song You've Got a Place Called Home was featured in a Walmart commercial, doesn't sound like the those artists, but her infectious indie rock sounds are just as confident and mature. Her delicate voice, coupled with her brand of edgy pop is a must-see.

Ghostkeeper: It's not every day you hear a band that combines old-timey folk, blues and noise pop, which is precisely why this Calgary foursome is on a lot of people's CMW lists. The band is difficult to describe — their debut disc starts off with an acoustic White Stripes-like blues tune, but ends up veering off into distorted blasts of weird rock. It's intriguing and unusual, but catchy and accessible too.

Handsome Furs: This husband and wife duo don't need any more press, but it bears repeating — Montreal's Handsome Furs are easily one of Canada's best acts. Led by Dan Boeckner, one of Wolf Parade's vocalists, the band combine Springsteen-like songwriting with electro fuzz, wailing guitars and frighteningly intense energy. Live shows are notoriously wild — it's easy to forget that there are just two people on stage — and you'll be singing the songs long after the gig ends.

Postdata: If you like haunting melodies and soft acoustics with an East Cost sensibility, then you have to see Halifax's Postdata. It's actually a new project from Paul Murphy, Wintersleep's frontman, but I'd argue that it's far better than anything he's put out with his band. His debut disc is littered with bright, inspiring vocals overtop quiet fingerpicked guitars and droney keys. Check this out before he returns to his day job.

Rural Alberta Advantage: There are many, many fantastic Ontario acts to see during CMW, but if you're going to see one band from Canada's most populous province, make it the Rural Alberta Advantage. The group — whose singer hails from Fort McMurray and sings about Alberta — is based in Toronto. People can't get enough of this trio. The straight-up indie rock is filled with countless hooks and wild percussion.

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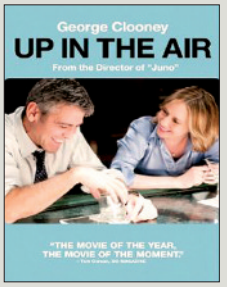
DVD picks



Up in the Air

Directors: Jason Reitman

GEORGE CLOONEY HAS never seemed more vulnerable or more in tune with a role than he does as corporate downsizer Ryan Bingham, a high-flying Grim Reaper for recessionary times.

This isn't the grinning matinee idol of the Ocean's 11 movies or countless magazine fronts, trading on his looks rather than his talent. Clooney puts flesh and blood into his paradoxical portrayal of Bingham, a hitman with a conscience, and the story obviously matters to him as much as it does to director Jason Reitman.

This thoughtfully entertaining film represents a quantum leap for Clooney, who has never been better, or funnier. Bingham may have met his match in two women, one he knows casually and the other professionally. There's Alex (Vera Farmiga), another perpetual road warrior who shares his delight with high-end travel and hotel sex. Then there's Natalie (Anna Kendrick), a new hire at Bingham's Omaha downsizing firm whose last name "Keener" says it all.

Precious

Directors: Lee Daniels

PRECIOUS IS RELENTLESS. Set in the bleak Harlem of 1987, it's unyielding in the appalling ills it heaps upon Claireece (Precious) Jones, an illiterate and morbidly obese 16-year-old who wouldn't know good luck if it smacked her in the head.

Played with astonished grace by newcomer Gabourey Sidibe, the teen uses silence and surliness to shut out the world. But she can't hide the shocking fact of her condition: she's pregnant for the second time, again the result of rape by her own father. She's about to be kicked out of school, allegedly for being a classroom disruption — although she's the one who must bear the cruel taunts of classmates.

Precious gets no relief at home from her mother Mary (comic Mo'Nique), who treats her daughter as both slave and despised cur. The picture painted by director Lee Daniels is almost unbearably bleak, but it feels completely honest. It's relentless, transfixing and transformative.

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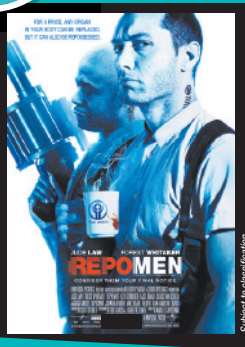

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Avatar director inspired by Star Wars

James Cameron was so impressed by Star Wars he quit his job as a trucker to become a director. The Avatar filmmaker admits the George Lucas sci-fi epic inspired him to do more with the movie images he had in his head than simply talk about them. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Star power lights up Oscars bash

With his shaggy red hair, black leather jacket and skintight American flag-printed jeans, Olympic gold medallist Shaun White upstaged even Oscar winner Sandra Bullock at a pack of parties around town following the Academy Awards.

The snowboarder was one of a group of Olympic athletes who mingled with A-listers at the parties Sunday, sometimes eliciting "oohs" and "ahhs" from the movie stars themselves.

At Vanity Fair's bash at West Hollywood's Sunset Tower Hotel, a string of celebrities, including Lenny Kravitz and Jon Voight, sought out White. Even Olympic-winning speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno, who wore a sleek tux, looked happy to meet White.

Vanity Fair was steeped in a sea of nominees and winners. Vases of white, pink and yellow orchids decorated the room, along with bowls of red apples stenciled with "VF."

By the time Sandra Bullock showed up, gripping her best-actress Oscar statuette and mugging for photographers with her husband, Jesse James, the party was in full swing, and White and his crew had left for another bash.

"Kelly (Osborne) dropped my jaw. She looks the most amazing of anyone I've seen."
Olympic figure skater Johnny Weir

Others attending the party included best-actress nominee Carey Mulligan, who giggled with friends in a corner. Oscar co-host Alec Baldwin joked with Sean Penn.

Hilary Swank and Tim Robbins ate burgers from In-N-Out Burger that were served by waiters dressed in the chain's uniform.

And best-director nominee Quentin Tarantino, wearing a black knit cap, leather jacket and sneakers, made a beeline for the bar after arriving at 11:45 p.m.

Jennifer Lopez and her husband, Marc Anthony, made a grand entrance, accepting handshakes left and right.

Sean "Diddy" Combs laughed with Marlon and Shawn Wayans. Robert Downey Jr., wearing a blue bow tie and tinted glasses, talked with Natalie Portman. Zac Efron, Taylor Lautner and the Jonas Brothers yielded high-pitched shrieks from their high-voltage female fans gathered on the sidewalk outside the hotel.

"Great job tonight," said Julianne Moore, winking to Oscar co-host Steve Martin. Earlier, Moore and her A Single Man co-star Colin Firth, a best-actor nominee, held court on a patio outside.

Nearby, at Elton John's 18th-annual viewing dinner and after-party at the Pacific Design Center's tented courtyard, Kelly Osbourne stayed close to fashion-savvy figure skater Johnny Weir most of the night.

Saying he was "very small fry" when he attended John's party a few years ago, Weir marveled at his new status.

"Now I'm running with Kelly Osbourne, who's supportive of my skating. It's beautiful," said Weir, who had just met Osbourne at the party.

"Kelly dropped my jaw. She looks the most amazing of anyone I've seen."

Osbourne, who attended the party with her mother, Sharon Osbourne, wore a delicate, pale pink gown by local designer Sue Wong.

At the party, a Godiva chocolate bar was set up to serve rich dark and milk chocolate balls to guests in attendance.

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GETTY IMAGES

Rocking a pair of skintight American flag pants, Olympic gold medallist Shaun White attends the Oscars Vanity Fair party.

'Cove' village defends its traditions

DOCUMENTARY The Japanese fishing village featured in The Cove, which won an Oscar for best documentary, defended its practice of hunting dolphins yesterday as part of a long tradition.

The movie, which mixes stunning underwater shots of gliding

dolphins with covertly filmed grisly footage of their slaughter, also claims that dolphin meat is laden with toxic mercury.

Taiji, a quiet fishing village on the rocky coast of southwestern Japan, kills only a small fraction of the dolphins hunted by the country each year.

But it has long been a target of environmentalists and animal lovers because it uses a method called "oikomi," in which the dolphins are chased into shore, making the hunt more visible.

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Hangover star shaves beard on SNL

TELEVISION While hosting Saturday Night Live, Zach Galifianakis covertly shaved his trademark beard.

The 40-year-old comedian slipped backstage while the show's musical guest, Vampire Weekend, performed. When Galifianakis emerged for the next sketch, his shaggy, reddish beard was gone, with a moustache in its place.

When Galifianakis returned to wave farewell at the end of the show, he'd changed yet again, donning a fake beard much like his original.

NBC posted a web-only video on NBC.com and Hulu.com of Galifianakis rushing backstage and quickly shaving.

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In brief

TELEVISION Betty White fans, your prayers have been answered. The former Golden Girl will appear on Saturday Night Live in the near future, she confirmed.

Fans have been clamouring for White, 88, to do SNL ever since her comic turn in a Snickers ad that aired during the Super Bowl.

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Cowboy Junkies: Trinity Session Revisited

Churches usually have incredible acoustics; after all, people in the back pews want to hear whatever the preacher has to say. The Cowboy Junkies — Alan Anton and Margo, Michael and Peter Timmins — found that out when they stepped into the Church of the Holy Trinity in Toronto 20 years ago and recorded some music. In this special, the band returns to the church again to record. 7 PM on BVO

Movie trivia: He prepared for Law Abiding Citizen by sitting in rush hour traffic
Gerald Butler reportedly got so infuriated with Victoria Beckham causing a hold-up on the Academy Awards red carpet he ignored waiting photographers and headed straight into the event, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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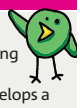

ROB THOMAS is committed to keeping his fans updated, **MINDY KALING** develops a new crush, **PETE WENTZ** is only making his son uncomfortable today (so far), and **LILY ALLEN**'s retirement plans do not involve rhetorical coherence.

@ThisIsRobThomas working out. going down to the studio for a while and then i'm going to buy a new i-book. if you care.

@mindykaling Oh, Sam Worthington, your glasses make me think you're imperfect and therefore accessible.

@petewentz the baby does not recognize me beardless or at least he's suspicious.

@lilyroseallen Now that I've retired in gonna try and get on "come dine with me" I'm making chicken tarragon and leek pie tonight. Yum.

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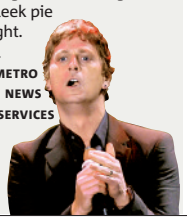


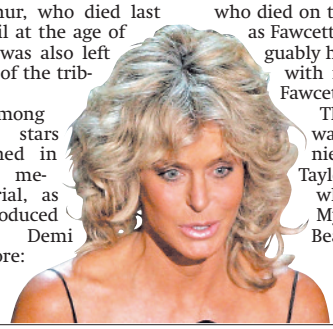
Farrah snubbed by Academy?

THE ANGELS – AND BEASUS CHRIST – ARE NOT IMPRESSED Farrah Fawcett was left out of the Oscar tribute to those in the film industry who died last year, usmagazine.com reports.

While the actress — who passed away in June at age 62 after battling cancer — was mostly known for her TV role in Charlie's Angels. But she did appear in multiple movies, including The Cannonball Run, Extremities and The Apostle.

Twittered Star Jones, "FYI...Farrah had a very diverse career...that included Broadway, TV & Film. She even received a Golden Globe nom."

Golden Girls' star Bea Arthur, who died last April at the age of 86, was also left out of the tribute.



Among the stars named in the memorial, as introduced by Demi Moore: Patrick Swayze, Ed McMahon and Brittany Murphy.

Also included in the tribute was Michael Jackson, who died on the same day as Fawcett and who arguably had less to do with movies than Fawcett.

The tribute was accompanied by James Taylor on guitar who sang In My Life by the Beatles.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Theron's dress shredded by online fashion police

THE LOOK: FLORAL FEMBOT Charlize Theron wasn't so chic at Sunday's Academy Awards ... according to fashion critics, usmagazine.com reports. Bloggers ripped on her amethyst and lilac bustier gown with rose and draped detail, created specially for her by John Galliano for Dior.

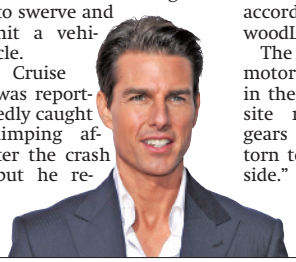
"Almost every year somebody wears something off-the-wall crazy to the Oscars, and this year the unfortunate honour goes to Charlize Theron," sniped Eonline. "Yep, those are her lady lumps wrapped in lilac rosettes, courtesy of Dior Haute Couture. This one's going down in the history books along with the swan dresses and pirate costumes."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Cruise loses control of motorbike

THE ONLY MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE HERE IS TOM'S COOLNESS Tom Cruise narrowly avoided serious injury after crashing his motorcycle in Los Angeles on Sunday, according to femalefirst.co.uk.

The Mission: Impossible star was riding through the city on his motorbike when another car drove through a stop sign in front of him, forcing him to swerve and hit a vehicle.



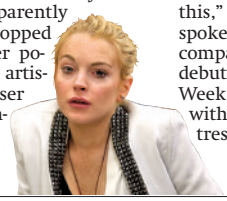
Cruise was reportedly caught limping after the crash but he refused to go to the hospital, according to HollywoodLife.com.

The actor's red Ducati motorcycle was mangled in the crash and the website reports the bike's gears were "completely torn to shreds on the left side."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lindsay relieved of Ungaro fashion duties

ORANGE SKIN AND VACANT, STRUNG OUT EXPRESSION? *SO LAST SEASON* Lindsay Lohan has apparently been dropped from her position as artistic adviser for fashion house Ungaro, according to Women's Wear Daily.



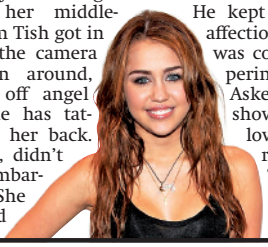
"She's not involved in this," a company spokesperson said as the company's Fall 2010 line debuted at Paris Fashion Week over the weekend with the high-profile actress nowhere in sight.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Miley a 'class act' at Oscars

AND JUST IN CASE THE QUOTATION MARKS WERE TOO SUBTLE, THAT HEADLINE CONVEYS EVERY FIBER OF SARCASM IN MY BEING Miley Cyrus had plenty of people talking at Sunday's Academy Awards, people.com reports. On E!'s pre-show, she kept slouching in her champagne-coloured silk and tulle Jenny Packham gown.

Then, her middle-aged mom Tish got in front of the camera and spun around, showing off angel wings she has tattooed on her back. Miley, 17, didn't seem embarrassed. She even told host Ryan Seacrest her mom "has nice choices in tattoos."



Cyrus later ditched her mom at Elton John's post-Oscar bash, where she snuggled with boyfriend (and Last Song costar) Liam Hemsworth.

At the bash, they packed on the PDA — when she wasn't furiously texting. He kept touching her affectionately and she was constantly whispering in his ear. Asked on E!'s preshow if she's in love, Miley coyly replied, "Maybe."

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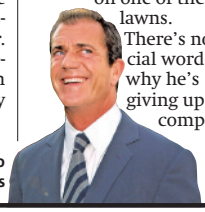
Gibson home going for a song

HE NEEDS A BIGGER PROPERTY TO ADEQUATELY HOUSE HIS DELUSIONS Mel Gibson has put his nine-bedroom, 8.5-bathroom Malibu home on the market for a mere $14.5 million US, according to TMZ. The massive hacienda-style property also boasts tennis courts, indoor and outdoor dining areas and a giant chess set on one of the lawns.



There's no official word on why he's giving up the compound.

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Duelling wedding bells for Cowell and Piers?

'I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU EGO AND WIFE' Simon Cowell and pal Piers Morgan maybe facing off against each other this summer as they both plan weddings that threaten to conflict with each other, according to the Daily Mail. Cowell has proposed to girlfriend Mezhgan Hussainy, while Morgan is set to wed writer Celia Waldon. "Piers and Simon have lots of friends in common and want to make sure their dates don't coincide because they both want to be at each other's wedding," a source says. "It's turned into a bit of a joke between them over who's going to send out save-the-date cards first."

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Twitter abuzz over Nelson appearance

HEAR THAT? IT'S THE SOUND OF YOUR BREAKFAST CLUB FANTASY DYING Who stole the show during the touching tribute to late director John Hughes at Sunday's Academy Awards? Judd Nelson, 50, usmagazine.com reports.

Fans of Hughes' '80s teen comedy classics were thrilled to see Molly Ringwald, Matthew Broderick, Anthony Michael Hall and Jon Cryer reunite to remember Hughes. But Nelson's shocking appearance inspired hundreds to instantly Tweet their surprise.

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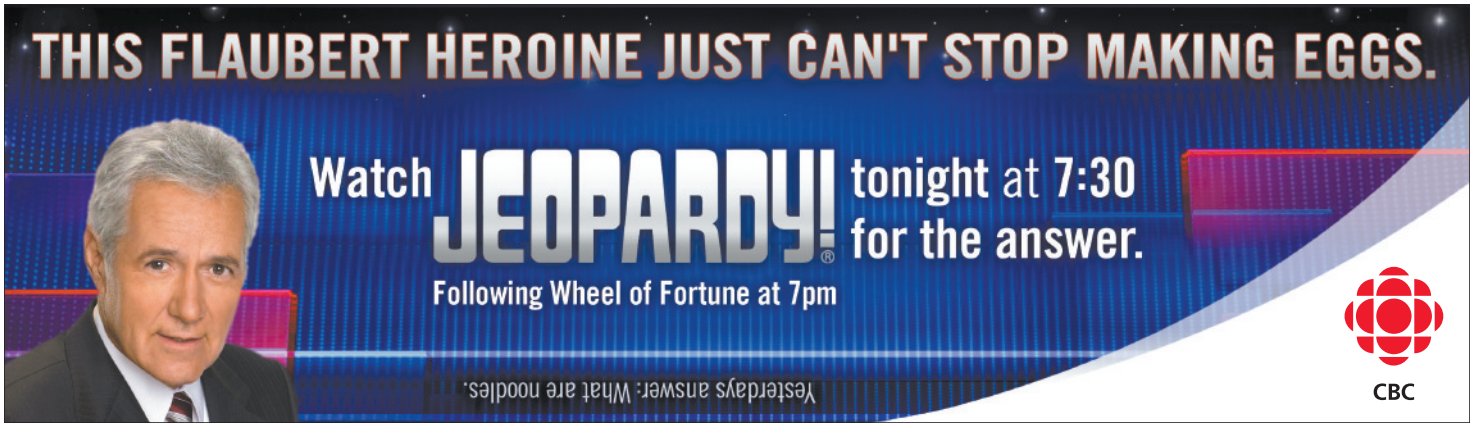
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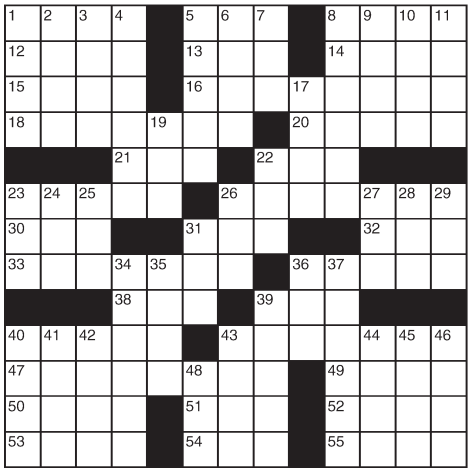

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	8	2	1		5			3
		9	6	2	3			
	4		7					
		7				3	1	2
1	5	4				6		
					7		6	
			2	6	8	1		
4			9		1	8	2	

ACROSS

1 Laurel or Musial
5 Spring month
8 Rolling stone's lack
12 Novice
13 Id counterpart
14 Killer whale
15 Related (to)
16 World War I infantryman
18 Warning signal
20 Sail supports
21 Have a bug
22 NASA deviation
23 Cheer up
26 Fool
30 Bill's co-adventurer
31 Toast topper
32 Ultra-modernist
33 Reliable source of income
36 Birth-related
38 A billion years
39 Triumphed
40 Pound fraction
43 Glossy coating
47 "Is it bigger than a —?"
49 Neighborhood
50 Brewer's oven
51 Hearty quaff
52 Oodles
53 Otherwise
54 Chaps
55 Break suddenly

DOWN

1 Luminary
2 Youngster
3 Desert-like
4 Low-calorie, maybe
5 Hero's award
6 Very enthusiastic
7 Thee
8 Hudson River feeder
9 Spheres
10 Highlander
11 Emulates Simon?
17 2008 TARP recipient
19 Big fib
22 Thanksgiving veggie
23 "Yada, yada, yada" (Abbr.)
24 Meadow
25 Billboards
26 Mandible
27 Pismire
28 Vast expanse
29 Scale member
31 Stewart or Voight
34 Underworld goddess
35 Unisex, as dorms
36 Neither mate
37 Chronicles
39 Lustrously smooth
40 Reed instrument
41 Europe/Asia border river
42 Capone foe
43 Field mouse
44 Press
45 — good example
46 Padlock holder
48 Emeril's outcry

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

4	3	6	7	5	8	9	1	2
7	5	9	1	2	3	6	8	4
8	2	1	9	6	4	3	7	5
5	6	2	3	8	1	7	4	9
9	8	3	4	7	6	2	5	1
1	4	7	5	9	2	8	3	6
2	7	5	8	4	9	1	6	3
6	1	4	2	3	7	5	9	8
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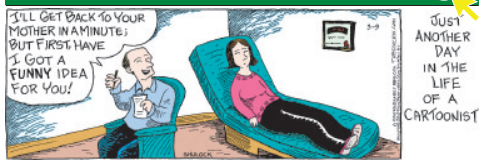

Metro Recipe of the Day

Caramelized Onion and Ale Soup with Beef Ribbons

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp butter
2 tbsp olive oil
500 g onions, thinly sliced
2 tsp white sugar
300 g tenderloin steak, cut into 3/4-in thick slices
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 cup brown ale
1 bay leaf
3 cups beef stock
2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

METHOD:

1. In large, heavy-based pot, heat butter and 1 1/2 tbsp oil, then stir in onions and sugar. Cover pot with lid and cook, stirring occasionally, over medium heat, 10 minutes. Remove lid, turn up heat and cook, stirring frequently, until onions are softened and golden brown.
2. Meanwhile, heat frying pan until very hot. Brush steak slices with remaining oil and season lightly. Fry about 3 minutes per side, turning once, until golden brown but still pink inside. Remove from heat and cover with sheet of foil.
3. Add garlic, ale and bay leaf to onions. Bring to boil, then simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes. Add stock, season, then return to boil.
4. Slice steak pieces into thin ribbon strips, adding juices to soup. Discard bay leaf. Ladle soup into wide bowls and place meat strips in centre of each. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You will find yourself in a minority of one today, but it won't worry you a bit. You are used to opposing the status quo.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
It would appear that you have been through your current situation, in one guise or another, before, so you should know what you have to do.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Anything that ties you down to a set routine must be avoided. Mars in Leo is a restless influence, so there is no point trying to stay in one place.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Most likely you will find yourself in the middle of some sort of conflict today and tomorrow. Stay calm and use logic to make your point.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
This is one of the most important times of the year for you as Mars is about to move in your favor again. Don't get carried away.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You may be tempted to hit back at those who are giving you a hard time but why run the risk of alienating people whose help you may need?

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You will have to defend your beliefs against someone who thinks they know better than you. It should not be too hard to prove them wrong.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You cannot convince others to see things your way – the more you try the more they will delight in taking the opposing view.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You will have fun today but, for some reason, you will feel guilty. Maybe it's because you don't think you deserve to enjoy the good things. Rubbish!

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Certain emotions may be difficult to deal with but you will have to face up to what is causing you grief.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Opposites attract and someone who is as different to you as it is possible to get will have a major impact on your life.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Stick to routine ways of doing things, even if some people criticize you for being old-fashioned.

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